SHAVING ACCIDENTS.

THE BARBER DISCUSSES THEM WITH THE MAN IN HIS CHAIR.

Chances to Cut Throats That Are Not Often Taken Advantage Of-Narrow Esenpes From Serious Mishaps-A Father's Dream.

"Did it ever strike you," asked the little tarber, "how easy it would be for the tann that shaves you to kill you?"

The man in the chair sat up quickly and looked carefully at the barber. who was feeling the edge of the razor with one finger. The barber smilled to reassure his customer and said:

"It seems a queer question, I know, but it is a wonder to me that there are not a number of people killed in that way every year. It would be the easiest thing in the world for the barber as he wielded his razor to make one sweep with it and sever the jugular veln, and you would be dead almost on the instant. Suppose, for instance, that the barber should go insane. There would be nothing to prevent his doing such a thing, and you would have no warning nor any opportunity to save yourself.

"There is always a chance of a serious accident happening to the man in the chair. I have seen a number of such accidents and have a horror of even nicking the man 1 am shaving. In fact, such an occurrence makes me feel out of sorts for the rest of the day. It was only a few days ago that I almost had an accident that gave me a great fright and completely unperved me. I was shaving a young man, and in passing from one side of the chair to the other a button of my waistcoat caught in his hair. It pulled a triffe, and he moved his head suddenly just as I went to put the blade to his face. I came within an ace of slashing him, and only a quick jump back saved him. The perspiration stood out on me, and i had to call one of the other men to finish shaving my customer.

"But the worst accident I ever saw in a barber shop occurred while I was working in a small town in the west. One of the patrons of the place was a business man whose S-year-old daughter was lying at the point of death. Her father put in most of his time at her bedside. One afternoon while she was asleep he came in here to get shaved. He was so exhausted through lack of sleep that he fell asleep immediately after he bad taken his sent in the chair next to the one behind which I was at work.

"He dreamed that some one had come into the place to tell him that his child had died. With a cry of alarm he started up just as the barber laid the razor against his neck. Into the flesh it sank. He was not yet thoroughly awake, and as he imagined that some one was holding him back from his child he threw out his hand to free bimself, and his fingers closed over the blade of the razor. So dazed was he that he could not realize what had happened, but sat there in the chair, with the blood sweaming from his throat and fingers.

"The man who had done the cutting was the first to act, although half crazed. He hurried for a doctor while we stanched the flow of blood the best we knew how. Even as the doctor was at work sewing up the wounds a messenger came to say that the little girl had died suddenly in the greatest agony, calling for her father just before she died. He was under the influence of ether at the time and did not know, but afterward, when he heard of the circumstances attending

CLEVER, BUT SOULLESS.

One Woman's New Way In Which to Pay Social Debts.

"I don't know much of the ways of fashionable people." said a young physician not long ago, "for I am not in society, but 'f many society women are like one I know here in town I think I'm safer to be out of it. It was not this season, but it wasn't so long ago but that pleaty of people can remember the circumstances. I had among my patients an elderly woman who lived with the daughter's family. The daughter lived, if not beyond her means, at least up to the very edge, went out a great deal and was entertained a great deal.

"The mother fell sick with a com plaint which I knew would prove fatal. I did not inform the family till one day the daughter asked me to tell her frankly what her mother's condition was and just how long she could live. I told her that the old lady could not possibly last more than a fortnight. She begged me not to let anybody know how serious the case was. She didn't want her young daughters distressed, she said.

"Of course 1 told nobody, and just a week after that I read in the papers that Mrs. Dash, the daughter of my dying patient, had sent out invitations for a large dancing party, to be given on an evening a fortnight away. My patient did not live as long as I had expected. The day after she died I read in the papers that 'owing to the sudden death of her mother Mrs. Dash had been compelled to recall her invitations.

"She had never intended to give a ball. She could not have afforded it, and she 'bluffed.' I have cold shivers every time I see her."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

AN EXCITING LIFE.

Why the Chicago Girl's Brown Hair Turned Golden Hued.

"Gosh, Marier, but that wuz a close shave!" exclaimed Uncle Eben as he dragged his worthy spouse out of the way of a street car that was yet 20 feet away. "This yer Chicago life is 'nough to make a man's h'ar turn gray."

"Turn gray!" snarled his wife. "Twouldn't be so bad of thet wuz all it done. It's decent and respectable to have gray ha'r, but when it comes to makin a poor young gal's ha'r turn yaller jist on account of the excitement uv all these cars an railroads on stilts an howlin people then's when I say it's a sin to hev sich big cities. I'm a-goin right out to 'Liza Jane's house, ef I kin ever find it, an stay right in it till we leave Chicago."

"How do you know it makes people's ha'r turn yaller?" asked Uncle Eben. "I ain't never hearn tell of ennything of that kind."

"Well, I see it with my own eyesleastwise I see it turn brown agin after the poor dears wuz rested all summer in the country. You know them four gals what staid all summer over at Cousin Ellen's? When they fust come, they'd big brown eyes an fa'r complexions an right yaller ha'r. Purty soon every one of 'em's ha'r begin to get streaked in spots, an before the summer wuz gone they all had rich brown ha'r. Then I ast one of 'em what made their ha'r turn brown, an she said it wus alla's brown, but that the excitin life she'd been livin in Chicago, whar she had to act in a theater every night, made it turn yaller. Poor thing! She looked so much better at the end of the summer that I hate to think of her comin back to this great, wicked city." -Chicago Journal.

Steel Combs.

A Jopanese Dinner.

He who does no like the way the Japanese cook tish aust be hard to They are better fish cooks please. than the French. The Japanese waters are very prolifie, and the natives seem to have learned in cooking to preserve the inherent flavor of the fish, while their sauces are very simple. And as for eels, as they are cooked at the kandagawa, a techouse in Tokyo, he who has tasted them has established a standard in his mind by which to judge other eels.

Seaweed we had, too, thin as paper. and crisp. It is the weed of the sen that is left on the rocks and scraped from them by the fisher wonley with shells and then dried in the sun. It is eaten as a relish and has a delicate flavor, suggesting cinnamon.

Rice we had in abundance. It was served from a bucket (not unlike ours. but not quite so deep) of unpainted white pine, with a little wooden shovel somewhat like those our children use in playing at the seashore. Our rice bowls were filled again and yet again. and when we covered our bowls it meant we had finished dinner. I have seen the Japanese look with indifference at a fish cooked in a way that made my mouth fairly water with desire, but when they are served with rice it receives their immediate attention .- Harper's Magazine.

Fool and His Money.

It chanced that the miser and the spendthrift took ship together.

En voyage the spendthrift bought much wine and sat long at the gaming table.

"The fool and his money soon part!" sighed the miser.

Presently a storm rose, and the shin foundered, and they were all cast into the water, and the miser, having his gold in a belt about his waist, sank to the bottom.

"The fool and his money." observed the spendthrift sadly, for he was a generous soul, "don't always part!"

After that the spendthrift swam to a raft, where he starved to death .- Detroit Journal.

A Golf Outrage.

The Earl of Wemyss was on a Fife golf course not long ago. accompanied by an old caddle. His lordship got his ball on one occasion so near the hole that to play it was, as it appeared to him, superfluous. So he simply tipped it in with the toe of his boot. The caddie revolted instanter, threw down the clubs and looked horrified. When he found words to speak, it was

gowf!"

Millais and Newman. The author of the life of Millais tells the following anecdote: When Cardinal Newman came to sit to the artist for his portrait, he asked where he was to pose.

"Oh. your eminence, on that emi-nence, if you please," answered Sir John, pointing to the models' dais, and, seeing him hesitating, added. "Come. jump up, you dear old boy."

Oysters and Strawberries.

oyster and strawberry are said The to be the greatest of evangelists. They have built and furnished more churches, paid the salaries of more preachers and helped more beathen than any two other natural agencies in the world.-Reynoldsville (Pa.) Star.

Buill That Way. "The worm will turn," she said. "Of cours he replied. "The worm is built plan that makes turning company wely easy. It's nore or less of a turn itself."-Chicago Post.



her death, he insisted that he had heard her call as he lay there asleep in the chair and that it was her cry that had caused him to make his sudden movement.

"For years after the accident he continued to shave in the same shop where it had occurred, and it was never mentioned. He carried a reminder of it for the remainder of his life. In addition to the scar on his throat, the fingers of his right hand were all drawn up and useless.

"Sudden movements while in the barber's chair are always apt to be attended with serious results, and I could recall dozens of instances where it has been only the merest chance that has prevented serious if not fatal mishaps. Nine times out of ten where the person getting shaved receives a nick and lays the blame on the barber he should thank the wielder of the razor that it was no worse. The probabilities are that it was quick action by the barber that prevented a bad cut. A slight nick often would have been a case for the doctor or coroner were it not for the watchfulness of the barber. Here yesterday I happened to draw blood from a young fellow's face near his ear, and he made a great fuss about it. until I showed him that it was only the sudden withdrawal of the razor which resulted in the slight nick that prevented him losing a good part of his ar. Then he was grateful and thanked me, besides promising to be more careful in the future.

"But there are other ways the barber as of getting even," continued the littie barber after relathering one side of his customer's face. "There is no need of his slashing a man. He can inflict ajuries that will make his victim deeldedly uncomfortable, and at the same time the latter will not be aware of what is being done." What the barber meant by this last remark his victim did not ask .- New York Sun.

Didn't Laugh With the Rest. ig so heartily over? Brown-Smith got off one of his

-Why didn't you laugh with

rown-It was on me.-Columbus (O.)

A man who saw in a sidewalk show case some steel combs and who won dered what steel combs could be used for found upon inquiry that they were used by furriers in combing furs. There was one of these combs that looked much like a comb of the ordinary kind, coarse toothed for half its length and finer toothed the other half. And then there was one comb that had teeth for half its length, the solid end serving as a handle.

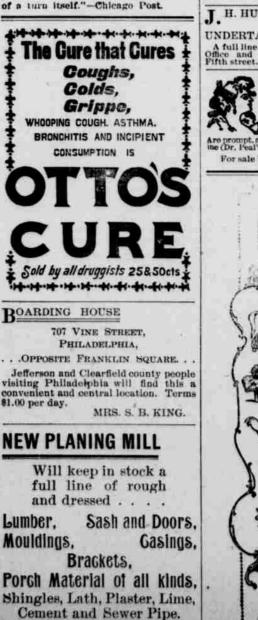
There are other steel combs that are used for a similar purpose, as steel combs made to comb dogs with. The dog comb looks somewhat like the fine toothed comb in its general shape, but it is larger, toothed on one side only and coarser toothed than the so called fine comb. The untoothed side combs of this sort are used on various kinds of dogs, including, for instance, long haired dogs like the French poodle.-New York Sun.

Teo Small. Uncle 'Zek'el Watson was accustomed to seeing good sized squares of cup cake, 'lection cake or gingerbread on the supper table, and when he had his first plate of ice cream in a city restaurant he looked with some disfavor upon the macaroons and small sponge drops which accompanied it. "How do you like it?" asked his niece, who was doing the honors of the city for her uncle.

"The ice cream is first rate," said Uncle 'Zek'el. "I call it extry good. But when you come to these things," he added. lifting one of the sponge "lady fingers" and surveying it doubt-fully. "I presume to say they're all right enough, what there is of 'em, but there isn't enough of 'em; just nothing but gape and .swallow!"--Youth's Companion.

Books.

When I consider what some books have done for the world and what they are doing, how they keep up our hope awaken new courage and faith, soothe pain, give an ideal life to those whose homes are hard and cold, bind together distant ages and foreign lands, create new worlds of beauty, bring down truths from heaven, I give eternal blessings for this gift.—James Free-man Clerke.



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