

THE MODERN SAFE

A CONFEDERATE BAND WHICH ESCAPED IN A BODY TO WASHINGTON. In the latter part of the month of March, 1865, Washington saw many signs of collapse of the rebellion.

Under them and shutting in the cash drawer there is the third door with its own lock and bolts. In this safe the size of the cash register bears out the same relation to the size of the whole safe as a pumpkin seed does to the pumpkin.

The making of a safe of this kind is a complicated and expensive operation. All the steel used comes in the form of plates from the works.

Between the interior and exterior walls of the safe a large amount of hydraulic cement, combined with other ingredients, usually according to a secret recipe, is packed solidly.

Combination locks are now used exclusively. The mechanism of most of them is extremely simple. In one lock there are a number of round brass disks called "tumblers," each pivoted at the center on a small shaft which runs through the safe door and connects with the lock knob.

The combination and numbers are easily changed by changing the screws in the dial. Many of the best safes and vaults are now being provided with time locks. Two and sometimes three locks are inclosed in glass cases just inside of the safe door.

The Next Best Thing. The robber presented his glittering pistol. "Have you a vacancy in your book-keeping staff?" he demanded.

"Well," the outlaw sighed—he was palpably chagrined—"I'll have to be contented with what cash you have on hand."

Mrs. Billis—Hed'n you better consult a wheelwright!—Chicago Tribune

CLOSING SCENES OF THE WAR

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DAVIS.

What is the message of Davis, what is the thought they bring— Day that dawns to winter, days that need to spring?

"I will therefore add that my sense of hearing would have been equally delighted doubtless by my sense of sight had not been so completely monopolized. I compliment the young lady on her accomplishment."

Electric Light Test. The public is becoming quite knowledgeable in many branches of electric knowledge, and in none more than in the determination, with greater or less accuracy, of the efficiency of the electric light.

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TWO AUTOGRAPHS.

A young German lady of rank, possessed of great personal charms and singularly winning manners, the daughter of a prominent politician, herself now a happy wife and mother, once beguiled Moltke, who was paying a brief visit to her father's country house in Silesia, into writing some touching autograph album.

The wily dandy now determined to hide her time until she should be able to match Moltke's diadem. When her family had again settled down in their Berlin quarters for the winter season, Prince Bismarck called one afternoon, and she showed him her book, calling his attention to what the great strategist had written, adding artlessly: "Do you think the same, dear prince? Perhaps you would like to add your comment? And on the same page?"

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INDIANS AND THE RAINBOW.

The Zuni think the heavenly phenomenon embodies the Form of a Deity. Captain Travis W. Okey of Los Angeles, Cal., for many years stationed in Arizona and New Mexico with the regular army, told about the myths and superstitions of the Zuni Indians to a group of friends at a Broadway hotel one evening.

"It will be seen that the visible phenomenon called the rainbow gets by analogy the personality of the measuring worm, while from the worm in turn the rainbow gets its function as a god. Of this the occasion of the rain on the appearance of the rainbow is adduced as proof.

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