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It is predicted that our whole remaining area of white-pine forests will be practically denuded within five years.

A man with three lungs has been discovered in Canada. Happy man! He can live to a healthy old age and keep an extra lung to have the pneumonia with.

The cost of the railways in the United States up to 1897 was \$11,775,000,000. That of the world was \$35,520,000,000.

A consular report from Germany gives the statistics of shipbuilding for 1899, showing that England ranked first with 881,000 tons more than all the other countries put together.

A century and a half ago "fun," a word of Irish origin, was considered "shockingly low." "Mob," too, was a word "no self-respecting gentleman would use."

In many sections of Indiana the farmers are planning to name the country roads, as streets are named in a city.

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LOST IN THE CHAPARRAL.

BY EDWARD B. CLARK.



and you will have some idea of the nature of one part of the country through which for two years the United States regulars marched and scouted in the attempt to kill or capture a band of notorious bandits.

If you should ride some hours over this desolate waste you would come at length to a dense woodland of chaparral, an almost impenetrable thorny thicket which stretches for many leagues along the Rio Grande River.

There was a man with Mexican parentage, but a citizen of the United States, Ceterio E. Garza by name, who it was thought intended to engage in an attempt looking to the driving of President Diaz of Mexico from his office and to the establishing of himself in the presidential chair.

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to his shoulder and pressed the trigger and then eagerly listened. In less than a minute no answering shot was heard from what seemed to be a point afar off.

Hour passed, and still neither opening in the chaparral nor the glint of water gladdened his eye. The trooper slipped a cartridge from his belt, and taking his knife cut the head bullet from the brass cup.

It was beginning to grow dusk, and the soldier realized that he must spend the night in the chaparral. He cut some of the thick leaves of the prickly pear, and scraping off the thorns from the green surface, chewed the pulp for the slight relief that the juice afforded.

On the extreme right of the skirmish line was Trooper Thomas. So thick was the undergrowth that he could not see, save at times, the skirmisher on his left, only two yards distant.

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present even at fortune's lowest ebb he thought that it was possible that a little water might still remain in the cistern below the point tapped by the faucet.

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WHAT A JOURNALIST IS. How He Differs From a Plain, Ordinary Newspaper Man.

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"Then this is as high in the profession as he can get?" "Yes; he is now at the pinnacle. By and by, when he gets lazy and stiff and old and stupid, they reduce him to the position of editor."

"The editor is all epithet, while the reporter is all proof. The editor calls a man a chicken thief and gets sued for libel, while the reporter, kodak in hand, interviews him while picking off the feathers in his back yard, and the next day the thief takes a whole advertisement to shut up the newspaper."

How to Fit a Shoe. "People would find less difficulty in suiting themselves with ready-made shoes," said an experienced shoemaker.

London's First Railway. The last remaining relic of the first railway in London has just disappeared from public view, having fallen wearily into the waters of the Wandie.

THE FACULTY OF FLIGHT

A PROBLEM THAT MAY BE SOLVED BY THE BIRD-ANATOMIST.

There May Be a Principle, Not Yet Grasped at, That Will Explain All the Mystery of Bird-Flight—The Muscular Power of Wings—Great Endurance of Vultures.

The problem of bird-flight has its humors and its absurdities. Recently there has been a revival of the gaseous theory to account for the apparently impossible, yet every day-visible, performances of the hawk and buzzard, the swift and indeed all of the best flyers.

This theory seems to me preposterous, being based in a flat contradiction of an axiom of natural philosophy. A balloon, when collapsed, will not rise in the air; but when expanded with a gas lighter than our atmosphere it soars.

It is a perfectly manageable problem to calculate just how much a buzzard would have to expand the "cavities of its pneumatic system" in order to increase the buoyancy of its body a given number of ounces.

It is easy to catch a buzzard, a vulture or a goose and accurately measure the muscular force of its wings. It has been done. This force has not been found very remarkable.

Street railway men have long declared that the average American is in too much of a hurry to take time to climb to the second story of a double-deck car.

The flight problem, therefore, suggests a deeper examination into bird-anatomy than has yet been made. The whole physiological structure must be restudied with a view to accounting for the immense nervous resources of the avian physique.

Evidently the Mayor of Allentown, Penn., is an up-to-date business man. He has recommended that the City Council prohibit the littering of the city streets and sidewalks by "those who still regard the handbill as a useful method of advertising."

On the authority of the greatest manufacturer of dental supplies in the country there are over 40,000 ounces of pure gold worked up annually for dentists' use for material in filling teeth, in plates and solders, the value of this gold approximating \$1,000,000.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN.

Illustration—One He is Most Familiar With—Ons One He is Most Familiar With—Ons One He is Most Familiar With—Ons One He is Most Familiar With.

One He is Most Familiar With. Hewitt—"What color is 'dun' color?" Jewett—"Red, I guess; that's the color I get when anybody duns me."

One He is Most Familiar With. She—"They seem to be lost in each other's love." He—"Yes; they ought to advertise for a minister."—Puck.

Really, It Was Too Late. Reggy—"That howlid servant girl insinuated that I was a fool." Freddy—"Did she say 'fool,' dear boy?" Reggy—"Naw, but she said I was a fresheet."—Chicago News.

How He Avoids It. "Trivett never gets hot under the collar." "He must be a very even-tempered man." "It isn't that. He never wears a collar."—Judge.

Another Intelligent Dog. "I taught that bulldog of mine to put on his own muzzle." "Then I suppose you taught him to take it off again?" "No, he taught himself that."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Completed Task. New Boarder—"What kind of a cook have you got in this house?" Waiter—"Woman, sir." New Boarder—"Hah, and they say a woman's work is never done. Well, look at that steak, cooked into salt leather."—Detroit Free Press.

Progress Killed Him. "You don't mean to say that you fired Plodder?" "Yes." "Why, he worked like a horse for you." "Exactly. He was reliable, but out-of-date."—Philadelphia Press.

Woman's Way. Tess—"Isn't she a peculiar girl? She wouldn't look at him when he was rich, but now, after he's lost all his money, she accepts him." Jess—"Oh, well, you know how crazy every woman is to get anything that's reduced."—Philadelphia Press.

It Puzzles Other Folk, Too. "I want to ask one more question," said little Frank, as he was being put to bed. "Well?" acquiesced the tired mamma.

When holes come in stockings, what becomes of the pieces of stocking that was there before the hole came?" Doctor—"It's a nervous affection that makes your husband hicough so persistently." Wife—"Yes; but what will cure him?" Doctor—"One almost certain remedy is to scare him in some way." Wife—"Suppose you present your bill then."

Why He Didn't Recognize It. Husband—"What is the name of that new piece you just played?" Wife—"Why, that isn't new. You have heard me play it a score of times." Husband—"It doesn't sound familiar." Wife—"I had the piano tuned today."—Chicago News.