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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

was not sufficient, so he sent back the returns. The enumerator responded with the following explanation: Dear Sir: There were four more people that died, but they was widows. Evidently he did not consider widows of sufficient importance to be included in the census."

### THE BEST OF LIFE.

Not till life's heat is cooled,
The headlong rush slowed to a quiet pa
And e ry purblind passion that
ruled.

Our noiser years at last
Spurs us in vain, and, weary of the race
We care no more who loses or who wim
Ah! not till all the best of life seems p
The best of life begins,

To toil for only fame. Handelappings and the fickse

praise,

For place or power or gold to gild a name

whose ears youth's passing bell has billed— ring bubbles, even as children do, Forgetting we grow old.

Above the growth works of the control of the contro

"Don't try to bite it," cautioned the prescribing physician. "Let it dissolve in your mouth. And now, Nieceums," she continued, with a very professional air, "when you feel a quarrel coming on I want you to take one of these tablets. Don't crush it with your teeth—just let it melt in your mouth. And be careful not to speak until it is all gone. Do you fully understand the directions?"

'Will you treat Mabel, too?" she

"Molly," said she, "just look here! What do you suppose I've got in this box?"

"Not medicine?" questioned Molly, who, having lately recovered from a slight illness, looked with suspicion on pink boxes of that particular sort. "Medicine, sure enough," responded Annt Frances, cheerfully. "You shall be my first case. Molly, my dear, I will cure you; and my fame will spread through the length and breadth of the land." (I forgot to tell that Aunt Frances was studying to be a doctor.) "But I'm not sick any more," protested Molly, drawing away from the box before she should be asked to take a dose of whatever was in it. "Oh, certain!" not," agreed Aunt Frances. "But I want you to try the quarrel cure, dear. See? These are temper tablets of the very best make." She opened the box, and Molly saw the contents—tablets about the size of a peppermint lozenge, clear, and of a lovely deep red. They did not look as though they would taste bad. "Take one," said Aunt Frances. "My prescription would include 'one at bedtime.' So you might as well begin the treatment right away."

Molly obeyed. The temper tablet was sweet, and tasted of wintergreen,

THE NERVE OF A HORSE THIEF.

Was Looking For the Culprit.
Charles Wilkins, now in jail at Edwardsville, Ill., a confessed dorse thief, spent the three days prior to his arrest as the guest of John West, a liveryman of that town, who had been looking for him everywhere but at home. For downright audaelty and out and out "nerve," Wilkins' performance caps anything ever done in his section of the country, and there are some who favor settling him free, on the ground that it's a shame to confine such genius behind bars.

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Now that the story has been completed by the culprit, it seems remarkable that he escaped arrest so long, but up to a few hours before the confession every detail seemed surrounded by an impenetrable fog of uncertainty.

On Oct. 3 Louis Hess, of Mitchell, Madison County, reported that some one had carried off his best horse. Next morning the animal was purchased in Collinsville by J. A. Owens, to whom the seller represented himself as a horse trader. A few hours later Owens learned that he had bought a stolen horse, and word was sent in all directions, with minute descriptions of the thief.

Police Chief Barnsback, of Edwardsville, suspected that the thief was headed toward his town, and told John West, the local liveryman, to keep a sharp lookout for him. West was furnished a good description of the fugitive, and promised to "keep his eye peeled."

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A day or so later Wilkins, who had formerly worked for West, blew into town, and put up at the home of his friend. West entertained him with true Edwardsville hospitality, and told him about the man he was looking for. Wilkins seemed interested, and said the thief must be pretty smooth to escape capture in such a populous community. He even went so far as to offer to help watch for the culprit, and took notes from the memorandum that West carried in his pocket for reference.

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After three days Wilkins bade his former employer adieu, and told him he was going up to Old Ripley, a nearby village, to visit his folks.

The next day Owens, the victim, had business in Edwardsville, and called on West. They talked over the theft, and Owens gave a complete verbal description of the thief. Then West woke up and realized that Wilkins was the man he had been looking for. The next step was a telegram to the Sheriff of Bond County, and within a few hours word came back that Wilkins had been arrested at Old Ripley.

When the prisoner was brought back to Edwardsville and thrown in jail West called on him. Wilkins smilingly confessed that he was the man wanted and complimented the caller on his astuteness. He said, furthermore, that this was his first experience at horse stealing, and that he did not wonder that the business had thrived so in recent years. His manner implied that he thought the Madison County officials "dead easy."—St. Louis Republic.

## Waldersee's "War House."

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No officer has ever been as comfortably lodg during a campaign of actual warfare as is the resent Commanderin-Chief of the allied troops, Count von Waldersee. His dwelling (for it is no mere tent) is unique both on account of its size and the novel material employed in the construction. With its white walls and green blinds, this portable villa, some forty feet deep, and sixteen feet high, resembles a country house rather than the headquarters of an army chief. It is made of wood, with a double covering of as bestos, separated by a superposed couch of compressed air, roofed with fireproof slate. This building, consisting of an orderly's office, the general's study, bed and bathroom, and the adjutant's quarters, is constructed in sections so accurately fitted and numbered that the entire house can be mounted in eight, or unmounted in two hours. Despite its apparent lack of solidity, it is constructed with a view to resisting the strongest winds, and being impervious to atmospheric changes, such as heat or rain, it is peculiarly adapted to the needs of the present campaign.

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Many of the Spahis, who are Algerian troopers on the borders of Morocco, in the service of the French, have their entire families with them in camp. The children are educated by a native non-commissioned officer, and are obliged to study French. Morning and evening the bugle is sounded for school, and the funny little mouchachous flock to their studies in French and Arable, after which they have physical drill or work in the fields.

The huge tents are covered with a cloth made of wool and camel's hair, that furnishes protection from all weathers. Men, women, children, sheep, goats, dogs and other live stock live amicably together. Some of the Spahis are mounted on camels, but the horse is generally used, and a frequent duty is to gather halfs in the mountains for fodder. They cultivate land allotted to them in the "smala," as the encampment is called, but, as in mos Oriental countries, the women do the greater part of the work. The richer men bave several wives.

A Lively Function.

City Editor—"How did you come to get scooped on that fire early this morning?"

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Night Assistant—"I did, and he turned in half a column of names of those present."—The Journalist.

### POPULAR SCIENCE.

A Viennese dentist, while experimenting at the Hygienic Institute at Wurzburg, claims to have discovered the successful application of electricity for the destruction of bacteria. It is said that the treatment is very simple

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With such comparatively modern work in the study of the earth's figure, it is interesting to recall the observations of Eratosthenes (B. C. 276), who is supposed to be the first geodesist, though Thales and Pythagoras both taught that the earth was a sphere. Eratosthenes noted that at noon on the day of the summer solstice there was no shadow cast on the ground at Syene, where as at Alexandria at noon on the same day a shadow could be seen and measured. With data thus obtained and knowing the distance between the places, he was able to calculate the length of the earth's circumference.

Cow's milk should be diluted with

carth's circumference.

Cow's milk should be diluted with one-third its volume of water and two terspoonfuls of white sugar added per quart of liquid. A small portion of this is rubbed into a paste with the yeast and added to the milk, which is then placed in strong bottles and allowed to fermest. After a few days, during which the bottles should be repeatedly shaken, a beverage of great value in case of digestive disturbance, as well as of excellent palatability for a healthy person, is produced. Especial care must be used in corking the bottles tightly, and it is safer, owing to the great pressures produced by the fermentation, to wrap the bottles in a heavy cloth before shaking them.

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Captain R. H. Elliott, who has for some time been conducting researches into the nature and action of snake venom in India, has come to the following conclusions regarding the snake-charmers: The snake men of South India are certainly ignorant of any method of producing in themselves a highly developed condition of immunity. Some few of them appear to practice the swallowing of venom or the inunction of venom into their limbs, but it is doubtful if they do so with any well-defined object. It is possible, however, that they thus obtain some degree of immunization. They confine their snake-charming operations almost exclusively to the cobra, and escape harm by their intimate knowledge of the safe methods of handling this snake. Captain R. H. Elliott, who has for

The Petrified Forest or Chalcedony Park or Lithodendrum (stone tree) Valley, as it is variously called, is situated in Apache County, Ariz., between the Little Colorado and the Rio Puerco, about six miles south of Adamana Station on the Santa Fe Pacific and Professor L. F. Ward, of Valley, as it is variously called, is situated in Apache County, Ariz, between the Little Colorado and the Rio Puerco, about six miles south of Adamana Station on the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad. Professor L. F. Ward, of the Department of the Interior, at Washington, has recently published a report based on a recent visit to the forest. The trip was made especially with reference to the desirability of setting aside the district as a national park. Professor Ward fully confirms the great interest of the formation, and points out the fact that its interest is much enhanced by its great age, probably dating as far back as the Triassic. The destruction of this natural wonder, due to the piecemeal inroads of idle curlo hunters, is becoming more apparent with each succeeding year.

"Romeo and Juliet" Up-to-Date. At a small scaport town a star actress of the third magnitude appeared as Juliet.
"I cannot do justice to myself," she said to the manager, "if you do not have a lime-light thrown on me when I appear at the baleony,"

"We ain't got no limelight, miss, but it think we could get you a ship's blue-light," replied the obliging manager, and to this the lady agreed.

The lad who went to the shop to buy the bluelight brought back a signal rocket, which was given to him by mistake. The prompter took the rocket in good faith.

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(June appears to the light through "But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?", (This was the match lighting the free.)

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"Arlse, fair sun"
The sun, or, rather, the rocket, did dise, with a terrific hiss. Juliet was snocked off the balcony, the fly orders were set on fire, and the heatre was filled with sulphurous moke, while the audience, which was fortunately a small one, made a stampede to the doors.
Since then "Romeo and Juliet" has ulways been looked upon in that town as a dramatic work that could not be witnessed without personal danger.

New World.

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Lady Wilson Betrayed by a Pigeon.
The Duke of Marlborough, at the Woodstock Agricultural and Historical Show, told an amusing anecdote of the Boer war. Referring to the use of homing pigeons he mentioned that at the siege of Mafeking General Baden-Powell expressed a wish that no ladies should remain in the town. Lady Sarah Wilson went out a distance of some fifteen miles and, being anxious to communicate with General Baden-Powell, she attempted to do so by means of a carrier pigeon. Lady Sarah wrote a letter and dispatched it with the pigeon, in the hope that it would of that it settled on the house of the Boer Commandant who was investing to the town. The result was that the Boer Commandant secretained where she was, and she had to explain the reason why she was near Mafeking.—St. James's Gazette.

### MINES AND MINERS.

Men of the Mines Shareholders—Pittsburg
Coal Co. Employes Or, anize to Buy Stock
and Form a Relicf Association.

Heads of departments and employes
of the Pittsburg Coal Company have organized the Pittsburg Coal Company
Employes' association, primarily to arrange an economical system for every
one of about 20,000 employes to become stockholders and subsequently to
create a relief association on lines similiar to those of the Pennsylvania railroad. Application has been made at
Harrisburg for a charter.

The association will act as an investor, whereby every man who lifts a
hand, a pen or a pick for the big company with its \$64,000,000 capital, may
participate in the association benefits
and take to himself the dignity of a
stockholder and partner in the business
in which all are alike interested.

Leaders of the enterprise have already invested in several thousand
shares of the preferred stock of the
coal company. Further purchases will
depend on individual wants. Details
of the releaf feature of the association
are now being worked out.

Each employe may subscribe to the
association for any number of sharesto be paid for in monthly or semimonthly payments of not less than \$t.
per month per share. The subscription payments are to be invested in
the preferred stock of the company by
officers of the association at their option in the open market. Unexpended
balances are to be deposited currently
with the treasurer of the Pittsburg Coal
Company, to bear 5 per cent. interest.
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be had in this country, and that he had not noticed the texts when giving the order.

So far, so good; but, now that the stoves are there, the philologic occasion may just as well be improved. Squeers asked one of his boarders to spell "winder," and, being satisfied with the result, told him to go and clean it. Perhaps among the precepts there is Wilhelm II.'s favorite one, "Deutschland uber alles." After having examined a pupil as to the orthography of the inscription, the teacher may order him to polish the stove, in order to impress the lesson on his memory. German marks are equivalent to British shillings—few of the former leave the Fatherland. The shillings of the rate-payers should be equally respected by those who have the spending of them.—London Telegraph.

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