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## THE IRONWORKER.

BY MAURICE BROWN KIRBY.

We've heard about the sofer an' his gun,  
We've heard about the farmer an' his plow,  
We've heard about the sailor an' his fun;  
We've heard about the cowboy an' his cow,  
Now, as long as singin' heroes is the style,  
An' if no one takes exception to my rhyme,  
I'll have a bit to say in a humble sort of way  
On a hero who's been workin' overtime.

The song he sings is "Clang, clang, clang!"  
The tune he plays is "Bang, bang, bang!"  
His motto is, "We're killed, but we seldom ever die."  
An' his motto often gits him in a gang.

Did you ever see him settin' on a beam,  
With nothin' to grab hold of but the air?  
So fur above your head it made him seem,  
Like a crazy kid that wouldn't take a dare?

Did you ever pause to think about the risk,  
How death is always glarin' in his face?  
Just contemplate a bit, an' I'll bet you'll admit,  
A battle-field's a darn sight safer place.

He doesn't wear no purty stripes nor bars;  
We haven't struck a medal for him yet,  
His only decoration is his scars;  
He's a hero that the public never met.

When his motto comes an' catches him for good,  
An' rubs his number off the pay day list,  
There's a husky, sun-browned mob standin' by to take his job,  
An' bar his wife an' kids, he's never missed.

The daily papers have a lot to say  
On the nery cops an' firemen round the city,  
Of how they risk their lives most every day,  
An' very often lose 'em, more's the pity.

But a little h'atin' injine on a spruce  
Is bad as any fire as ever ragged,  
An' there's more black, willful murder in a careless swingin' girder  
Than in any thug the coppers ever caged.

So when you've had your song an' drink an' shout,  
An' every single hero's got his due,  
When you're scatterin' the laurel wreath about,  
If you chance to have a extra leaf or two,

An' you're lookin' for a hero sure enough,  
A sofer man in progress' foremost ranks,  
Crown the man who builds our vessels,  
bridges, buildin's, towers an' trestles,  
Grasp his hand, drink his health an' give him thanks.

The song he sings is "Clang, clang, clang!"  
The tune he plays is "Bang, bang, bang!"  
His motto is, "We're killed, but we seldom ever die."  
An' his motto often gits him in a gang.

—Life.

**Chinese to Fight Exclusion.**

The Chinese are preparing to make a vigorous fight against the re-enactment of the Geary exclusion law. A proclamation has been issued by the Chinese Six Companies requiring every "Chink" in the United States to contribute at once the sum of \$1, the fund thus raised to be used in the effort to defeat exclusion. In order to compel the payment of the assessment the proclamation states that if payment is not made within one month the amount exacted will be doubled, and delinquents who fail to pay within two months will have their assessment doubled once more. Lest some still seek to evade the enforced contribution the proclamation adds that Chinese desiring to return to China will be compelled to exhibit a receipt showing that they have made payment, and in default of such receipt they will be fined \$10. This proclamation is to be distributed all over the country.—Social Democratic Herald.

**He's Had Enough.**

W. J. Chalmers is the ruling spirit of the Allis-Chalmers company of Chicago, which has been fighting the machinists' union's demand for a nine hour day and increase in wages. The strike has been on for months, and it has been understood that the company was making the fight of the National Metal Trades association. In conceding the union's demand for nine hours Mr. Chalmers said:  
"I have been deserted by the other employers who forced me into this fight. I here and now make this solemn declaration that under no circumstances will I in the future enter into any deal with any manufacturers to fight labor. I am going out for my own interests hereafter."

**Mississippi's Patrick Henry.**

For a number of years Mississippi has sent a Patrick Henry to congress, and the Third district of that state is now represented by Mr. Patrick Henry. He does not claim, as many Patrick Henrys do, to be the only and sole lineal descendant of the immortal patriot, but he comes from that famous branch of the family just the same. Mr. Henry is the nephew of Patrick Henry, who represented the Seventh district in the last two congresses. For nearly 100 years the eldest son in the Henry family has been named Patrick in honor of the great Virginian.

**Fired by an Ictele.**

An icicle dropping into a barrel of unskinned lime started a fire in one of the buildings at the new state capitol at Jackson, Miss., a few days ago. The watchman turned in an alarm. The firemen threw water upon the fire, but that caused hundreds of barrels of lime to ignite, and the building was speedily destroyed, the department devoting its attention to saving the new structure and adjoining buildings.

**The Most Thrifty People.**

Norwegians are surely the most thrifty of Europeans. The average income of the inhabitants of Norway, according to the census of 1901, is \$246 kroner, or about \$85 a year. Small as this is, the people are able to save, for there is a savings bank for every 5,000 inhabitants, one depositor for every 28 inhabitants, with an average deposit of 119 kroner.

**A Neglected Philanthropy.**

Some day some wealthy philanthropist instead of building a great university will found institutions where the neglected children of large cities may be entertained and instructed every night in the year. The impressions made in childhood are lasting, and the best possible educational work can be done with the little ones.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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## SEVEN FEET OF LIGHTNING

The Largest Electrical Spark Ever Produced in a Laboratory.

The largest spark of lightning that can be produced artificially is a little under seven feet long. Such a spark, which is of practical use in the study of the phenomena of lightning, may be seen at the Jefferson Physical Laboratory at Harvard University, where it is produced by the tremendous power of 3,000,000 volts of electricity, or several thousand times the power used in electrocuting a criminal. It has been found also that a higher voltage cannot produce a longer spark.

The battery used at the Cambridge laboratory consists of 20,000 cells and has a total electromotive force of about 6,000,000 volts, a greater power than that of any other laboratory battery in this country and probably in the world. When the battery is operated in a darkened room, the reason why even the full current cannot produce a spark longer than that made by only half its total power becomes readily apparent.

Not only does the current of electricity flash from one terminal sphere of the transforming machine to the other, making an exact reproduction of lightning without the thunder, but from both terminals and from the long row of conducting plates there is a simultaneous brush discharge, so called, closely resembling the effect of "heat lightning."

The high electromotive force of the battery has apparently broken down the resistance of the air, a result similar to that of a diminished air pressure. The main discharge of electricity that would have otherwise passed between the terminals passes through the air to the floor and walls. As the electromotive force increases more and more electricity is given off toward floor and walls, and the length of the spark between the terminals is therefore permanently limited.

With this same apparatus, if it could be elevated into the rarefied atmosphere in which real lightning occurs and where neither floors nor walls can attract and dissipate the discharge, an equal electromotive force would probably produce a very real and terrifying lightning flash, the length of which would represent more accurately the tremendous power that occasioned it.

The passage of this powerful spark through various substances is naturally very much like the effect of a lightning stroke. It has been shown by experiments that the shattering and disruptive effects of lightning are very probably due to the expansion of confined air, as, for example, when the bolt enters an old tree, or to the sudden formation of steam—the high electromotive force, that is to say, breaks down the resistance of the air and at the same time transforms the moisture of the air into steam, thus producing an explosion that tends any surrounding substance.

**Thanet.**

The American lady who signs herself Octave Thanet is a little weak in her geography. She is quoted as saying that, wanting a pseudonym, she saw the word "Thanet" chalked on a railroad truck and at once accepted it as suitable. "Anyhow I adopted it on the spot because it might be Scotch (there is, I believe, an isle of Thanet), or it might be French."

Let her hunt up the map of England and turn to the county of Kent, the land of the cherry. There she will find her Thanet at its eastern extremity, for it is neither Scotch nor French.—New York Tribune.



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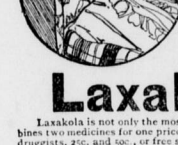
**Laxakola for Young Girls.**—In the threshold of womanhood, has been found invaluable. When they become pale and languid, the eyes dull, aching head, feet and hands cold, appetite gone or abnormal, and their systems generally run down, they need building up, and their blood needs cleansing. Give them Laxakola, its gentle bowel action to cleanse and its tonic properties to build up the system, will show immediate and most beneficial results.



**Laxakola for Mothers.**—It is particularly valuable and useful to women, especially mothers, as it is a gentle and safe remedy to use during all conditions of health, whenever their peculiar and delicate constitutions require a mild and efficient laxative and tonic, while to nursing mothers, worn out with the care of infants and whose systems therefore are particularly susceptible to disease Laxakola particularly appeals.



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**Laxakola for Old Folks.**—In the Autumn and Winter of Life, when the various organs through long years of action have become more or less sluggish, it becomes necessary to stimulate them by some remedy best adapted to that purpose. That Laxakola is such, has been proved beyond all question. Its gentle warming, soothing action on the bowels, liver and kidneys, stimulates them to increased activity, cleanses the blood, quickens the circulation, and puts the whole system in a condition of health and enables it to ward off disease, while its tonic properties tone up the system and keep it healthy.

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**Preparing Costly Furs.**

When a master workman in a fur manufactory is cutting up skins, he is literally cutting money. Skins once passed for frontier money, but their value is now much greater than in the early days, and it would be less costly to cut a garment from ten dollar bills than to cut it from some skins.

The cutting is quite an interesting feature of the work. To prepare a mink or sable, for example, the skin must be slashed into strings, narrow pieces more or less irregular in shape, which are afterward sewed together. There may be a thousand pieces in a single cloak, the new and beautiful skins being literally cut to pieces before they are manufactured. The object of this is to lengthen the skins. The sable, for example, say two feet in length, will be drawn out to four feet and all its markings preserved, so that it looks like a very long, but well proportioned, skin. The original skin is so cut to pieces that it may all be "matched" again in the elongated shape.—World's Work.

**A Wild Ride.**

A peasant was recently gathering dry wood in a forest near Kastamuni when a bear suddenly appeared before him. The frightened man sought refuge in the branches of a tree, which broke, and the peasant fell at the feet of the bear. Bruin was quite overcome with surprise, so much so that the peasant, who preserved his presence of mind, was instantly astride the bear, using his ears as bridle. The bear tried ineffectually to throw him and then, starting on a wild run, issued from the forest and approached a village. The rider shouted loudly for help, and in a few minutes the whole population turned out armed with guns and scythes. A crack shot fired a bullet into the bear's head, and the peasant was able to leave his mount unhurt.—Kastamuni (Turkey) Official Journal.

**A Case in Point.**

Mrs. Manning—John, I believe you are the biggest liar in the world. The fact is, you don't care a fig for me or you wouldn't try to deceive me all the time. There was a time when you said I was the best and sweetest woman on earth.

Mr. Manning—And you believed it. Then why can't you believe the little fibs I tell you now?—Boston Transcript.

**Her Shopping Pocketbook.**

Crimsonbeak—My wife had her pocketbook stolen three times within a fortnight while shopping.  
Yeast—You don't tell me!  
"Yes, and strange to say, the thieves got the same each time."  
"That is odd. How much did they get?"  
"Nothing."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Poor Economy.**

"My husband always says a week or two before Christmas that he doesn't want me to give him a single thing."  
"Well, why don't you take him at his word?"  
"I did one year, and it nearly made him sick abed. So what's the use of saving money only to pay it out to the doctor?"—Chicago Herald.

**Midnight Medicine.**

She (rather wearily)—It must be lovely to be a man.  
He (a late stayer)—Why?  
She—A man can spend the evening with whom he pleases and not have to entertain anybody that comes along.—New York Weekly.

**Glorious Success.**

Wife of the Professor—Charles, here is a telegram—an explosion in your laboratory, and the place is wrecked!  
Professor—Thank heaven! Then that experiment was a success after all!—New York Times.

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6 12 a m	for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.
7 34 a m	for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Scranton.
8 15 a m	for Hazleton, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Delano and Pottsville.
9 30 a m	for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
11 42 a m	for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
11 5 a m	for White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and the West.
4 44 p m	for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Pottsville.
6 35 p m	for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points West.
7 29 p m	for Hazleton.

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7 34 a m	from Pottsville, Delano and Hazleton.
9 12 a m	from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
9 30 a m	from Allentown, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.
11 51 a m	from Pottsville, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Delano and Hazleton.
12 48 p m	from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Mauch Chunk and Weatherly.
4 44 p m	from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.
6 35 p m	from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Delano and Hazleton.
7 29 p m	from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

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