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EXPERT TO TEACH CADETS.

Danish Naval Officer to Instruct in Marine Architecture.
The services of one of the most competent naval architects abroad have been secured for the instruction of naval cadets selected for an advanced course in marine architecture, preparatory to their being assigned to the naval construction corps. This officer is a commander in the Danish navy, and a graduate of the Royal School at Greenwich. He visited Washington and was in conference with Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, and returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will become head of the special course for cadets. His resignation from the Danish navy is expected to follow shortly, when he will become permanently a member of the institute's staff.

PEAS FOR POWDER.

Results of Experiments with the Smokeless Explosive.
The manufacturers of smokeless powder have been conducting rather elaborate experiments for the purpose of finding the best material from which to make charcoal, which is one of the ingredients of the powder. After trying all kinds of wood, it was found that peas answered the purpose better than anything else which had been hit upon. Fine cedar, boxwood, maple and ash were tried among the others, but the humped peas made the best powder, the product being fine and light and of smooth, even quality.

TO PREPARE GREAT BOOK.

Prof. Hubert Jansen, of Germany, announces that he has engaged 450 English-Speaking, 96 French and 730 German co-workers for his projected "Technical Dictionary" to be printed in three languages, English, German and French. The dictionary is to contain about 500,000 technical words and terms. Twenty-three English-speaking technical societies are lending their aid to Jansen, who says the work will be epoch-making.

Natural Gas in England.
Natural gas, in which England was generally supposed to be deficient, has been discovered by Americans and put to practical purposes in the little village of Heathfield, Sussex. The operations are in charge of an American engineer, who is said to be representing American capitalists. An extensive plant is now being erected, the railroad station and hotel are already lighted by the local product, and the whole village will shortly be similarly illuminated. It is said that the Sussex gas is much richer in hydro-carbon than the American gas.

His Price Was High.
Andrew Carnegie is found of telling how the editor of a popular magazine once asked him for an article on "Organization in Business." Mr. Carnegie feared the price would be too high. "Oh, no," said the editor; "I am sure we could arrange that satisfactorily." Name your figure. "Well," said Mr. Carnegie, "I could hardly afford to do it for less than \$5,000,000. No, I must withdraw that. What I should put into it has cost me much more than that, and, of course, you would not expect me to sell it to you at less than cost."

Motors in Puerto Rico.
Puerto Rico has a strong disposition to devote itself to practical matters. An automobile line for the benefit of tourists is making regular trips across the island from San Juan to Ponce. A plan is under consideration to place powerful automobiles, drawing trailers, on the same road for freight purposes. Many fine roads are under construction in the island and the slow bull carts hitherto used to carry freight will soon disappear.

To Discipline Roumania.
The Rothschilds have entered into a combination with the Bleichroeders, Oppenheims and other Jewish financiers to henceforth withhold credit from Roumania to punish her for driving out the Jews. The kingdom, it is said, will soon be forced to issue a loan, but the preliminary action of these financiers has given it a black eye beforehand.

A Prolific Tree.
A Tennessee paper announces that out of a single tree in Dyer county a citizen had got four cords of fire wood, three gallons of honey and five racoons.

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MOST COLOSSAL SWINDLE

DETAILS OF THE HUMBERT-CRAWFORD \$10,000,000 HOAX.

A Safe in Paris Supposed to Contain 120,000,000 Francs, When Opened is Found to Hold Only \$400 and a Little Jewelry—Credulity Run Mad.

Details of the colossal hoax which for the last two weeks has occupied the attention of Paris to the exclusion of almost everything else are at hand. On the pretence of a fortune of \$24,000,000 locked up in a safe the perpetrators of the fraud have been able to borrow in the last twenty years sums aggregating a total amount of \$9,200,000. When the creditors became impetunate the famous safe was opened and found to contain securities amounting to about \$400, a little jewelry and some worthless papers.

The story begins in Nice in 1877, and the principal actors are an American, one Robert Henry Crawford; Theresé d'Aurignac, now Mme. Humbert; her husband, who is a son of a former French minister of justice; two brothers and a sister of Mme. Humbert, several lawyers, and last, but not least, two nephews of Robert Henry Crawford, both New Yorkers and both millionaires. Concerning the existence of the Humberts and the d'Aurignacs there is no doubt, but no one seems ever to have seen or to have heard of Crawford or his nephews, although the latter have been parties in innumerable suits contested in the French courts over this fabulous fortune.

According to the legend that has grown up, in 1877 Henry Robert Crawford died in Nice, leaving his whole fortune of 120,000,000 francs to Theresé d'Aurignac, who had nursed him during his last illness. She was the daughter of a linen draper in Toulouse, and shortly after the fortune had been left to her she married Frederick Humbert, whose father was minister of justice in De Freycinet's cabinet, in 1882. But before she had time to enjoy her windfall two nephews of the deceased Crawford appeared—Robert and Henry Crawford, of New York—bringing with them another will made on the same day as the one which left all to Mme. Humbert. This will provided that the fortune should be divided into three equal parts, to be given to the two nephews and to the younger sister of Mme. Humbert, Marie d'Aurignac, with the condition, however, that an annuity of 360,000 francs a year be paid to the elder sister. But the nephews were rich already, and generous, too, so they proposed that the fortunes be united and all made fair by one of them marrying Mme. Humbert. When they discovered she was already married they proposed the union of one of them with the younger sister, Marie, who at this time was a child in school, and the offer was rejected. Then an arrangement was made by which Mme. Humbert was made trustee of the entire fortune, to hold until her sister came of age. She was to have an allowance of 265,000 francs a year, and the rest of the fortune was to be locked up in a safe and not to be disturbed. A few years later when Marie d'Aurignac came of age she refused to marry either of the brothers Crawford, and since that time, a matter of twenty years ago, French courts have never been without a Humbert-Crawford case.

In the meantime, no one, not even the lawyers retained by them, has ever seen the Crawford brothers, although up to a comparatively short time ago they received, or asserted they received, instructions from them, and that all the necessary legal papers were signed by them. And Mme. Humbert, unable to get their consent to open the safe and divide the money, took to borrowing on the concealed assets. She bought a palace in the Avenue de la Grande Armée in Paris, two magnificent chateaux in the country, a steam yacht, splendid jewels and spent great sums in various charities, the money for which she borrowed at very high rates from various money lenders and banks. From one man, a M. Girard, she got \$1,240,000; from another man \$1,400,000, and from several she secured more than half a million.

All this she was asserting that the safe contained 120,000,000 francs in securities which she could not touch without the consent of the Crawfords, and to calm the fears of her victims she would show them the officially sealed envelopes containing the fortune, with the affidavits of the notaries as to their contents. A few years ago communications from the mysterious Crawfords ceased, the brothers were completely lost sight of, and all that Mme. Humbert could do was to borrow money, which she did most successfully, considering that the only proof of the existence of the fortune was her word for it.

In 1897 Girard, one of her principal creditors, committed suicide on account of his failure to collect the money he had lent her. His estate was liquidated by M. Waldeck Rousseau, the present Premier, who, during the course of his argument, asserted that the Crawfords, uncle and nephews, had never existed, that they were unknown in New York, and that the whole business was a gigantic fraud. Mme. Humbert settled this claim for 2,500,000 francs. (The Nationalists are making political capital out of Waldeck-Rousseau's connection with the case, accusing him of having known the truth for the past five years and to have concealed it for good reasons). Lately, however, new complications have arisen, and finally, two weeks ago, the courts ordered that the safe be opened and the contents examined. This ceremony was to take place on the afternoon of the 9th. On the evening before, Mme. Humbert with a party, was in her box at the opera, wearing her famous jewels, which

have not been paid for. After the opera she and her friends disappeared, the supposition being that she went to Dieppe, boarded her yacht and sailed away to parts unknown. The next day the safe was opened, with the results already indicated. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Mme. Humbert, her husband and her sister and two of the lawyers implicated were arrested the day following the disclosure. Up to last accounts the whereabouts of the principals had not been discovered.

The swindle is one of the most extraordinary in the history of crime. Were not the truth vouched for by the French courts it would be impossible to believe that a woman could have borrowed nearly \$10,000,000 in twenty years on such a slim story as Mme. Humbert's. The genius with which the scheme was devised is matched only by the audacity with which it was carried through.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

An Unofficial Order.

Thomas, tenth Earl of Dundonald, at his death Vice-Admiral in the English navy, tells in his "Autobiography of a Seaman" of an incident on board the Hind, on which he served as midshipman. The pet of the ship was a parrot, the aversion of the boatswain, whose whistle the bird learned to imitate exactly.

One day a party of ladies paid us a visit aboard. By the usual means of a "whip" on the yard-arm several had descended for another. Scarcely had his fair freight been lifted out of the boat alongside when the parrot piped, "Let go!"

The order was instantly obeyed, and the unfortunate lady, instead of being comfortably seated on deck, was soured in the sea.

Luckily for her, the men were on the watch and quickly pulled her out, and luckily for the parrot the boatswain was on shore, or this unreasonable assumption of the boatswain's functions might have ended tragically for the bird.

Wasn't His Hat, Anyway.

Mr. Weddle, visiting his wife's relatives in Mr. Weddle, fairly had to go to church that Sunday. He did not want to go, but his wife thought it would do him good, and would be apt to preserve the harmony of the family.

The sermon was long and powder dry, and Weddle stole off into the arms of Morpheus, gently and serenely. As he did not snore his wife did not suspect that he had gone to sleep alongside of her, and gave herself up fully to inspecting the bonnet of the woman in the pew in front.

Like all things, good and bad, the sermon came to an end at last, but Weddle slumbered on like a baby even after a deacon began taking up the collection in a hat. When the derby was passed to Weddle, Mrs. Weddle was surprised to see that he did not respond. She nudged him violently to bring him back to his senses, and Weddle, awakened with a start, sat upright, and, bewildered, gazed at the hat in the hand of the deacon. Then he shook his head sleepily and said: "No, that isn't mine. Mine is a gray fedora."—New York Tribune.

Queen Victoria's Way.

The Queen's interest in and oversight of public affairs did not cease with the Prince's death, although, in the first years of overwhelming sorrow, it must have been difficult to carry out her conception of duty. All important resolutions were taken by her; the personal notes in the "Court Circular" were written by her own hand, and were seen by no one else. When Sir Henry Ponsonby became the Queen's private secretary, she said to him: "Remember this: no advice! I am older than you are, and have had more experience." In after years, historians will have much to say upon the Queen's personal share in the government of her dominions. All her papers have been most carefully preserved and arranged, and some day, perhaps, will be accessible to the inquirer. On the other hand, there is not a single paper belonging to George III, which is known to be in existence.—Professor Oscar Browning, in the Century.

Napoleon's Great Fortune.

Napoleon Bonaparte's will, among those of great men, affords the nearest parallel to that of Cecil Rhodes in the fortune it bequeathed. He was surely the richest exile since the world began. From his lonely home at St. Helena he bequeathed to his relatives and friends \$40,000,000. He had been rich, in gold as in power, beyond the dreams of avarice, and there must have passed through his hands a private fortune such as mortal man has rarely dreamed of. His exactions from conquered States have been set down at nearly \$75,000,000, which is, after all, but six times multiplying the gift he secured for himself from the Austrian treasury after Ausserlitz—Chicago News.

Leominster's Old Ducking Stool.

In the old Priory Church of Leominster is a very interesting specimen of the old cucking and ducking stool, a universal mode of punishment formerly in vogue for the punishment of soldiers, scandalmongers and women with too long a tongue. It was also inflicted on brewers and bakers, etc., transgressing the law, who in such a stool were immersed over head and ears in (stercoro) stinking water. This mode of punishment dates back to Saxon times, and the Leominster specimen was the last used in England of which we have any record, in 1809. Several other specimens still exist about the country, as at Montgomery, Warwick, Fordwich and Leek.—Travel.

DURING SUMMER MONTHS Dr. Hartman Gives Free Advice to Suffering Women.



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