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### HE KNEW HOW TO FIGHT.

Father Gives His Son Seme Pointer But Finds the Boy Is Not So Very Green.

"So you've had a fight, have you?" said his father.

The boy was so badly out of breath that it was a minute or two before he could get wind enough to say: "Yep," and somehow the old man didn't seem to regard the breathlessness as a particularly auspicious omen, relates the New York Tribune.

"Didn't you lick him?" he asked.

"Nope," replied the boy.
"I guess you didn't follow your poor old father's advice," said the old man-"I suppose you thought you knew more about it than he ever had a chance to learn, and went at the other fellow with some new-fangled uppercuts or swings or something of that sort and let him get in under your guard while you were figuring out the scientific points of some new blow. Science is all right, I suppose, in a fight by rounds, where there have been all the usual preliminaries, but I've seen the time when a scientific fighter would get the tar licked out of him while he was getting his science ready for use. Now, when I was a boy and saw there was a fight coming on I aimed to get in the first blow."

"That's my way" said the boy. "It is, eh?" returned the old man "Well, I don't see how a boy can get licked if he goes in on that system, unless he's too easy with the first blow I tell you, when I was a boy," and the old man began to get excited, "my aim was to swipe him first and swipe him hard. I'd just land him one over the eye or under the chin and it would be all over. You see, when you paste a fellow in the ear you want to paste him a hot one, and then-"

"And then suppose he lands on brick pile," interrupted the boy. "W-what?" asked the old man, rath-

er startled. "Suppose he lands on a brick pile when you hit him and gets up with a half a brick in each hand, what's the next move in the system that never failed when you were a boy?"

"My boy," said the old man, severely, after a minute of thoughtful considera-tion of the subject, "fighting is a bad business at best, and I am surprised that you should expect your father to give you advice that would be sure to lead you into trouble, and very likely would tend toward the cultivation of a boisterous, quarrelsome disposition. Now run out and play, and don't bother me

### ENEMIES YET FRIENDS.

Soldiers in Battle Spare and Sustain Each Other Although on Opposing Sides.

our civil war, men in blue and men in ceased. Here the triumph of human fellowship over the bitter business of war was natural, for the opposing ranks were of the same nation and the same speech. Two instances of human brotherhood between foes of different nations are related by Mr. James Elkinton in his book on the Doukhobors. The stories were told him by a veteran of the Crimea, Ivan Mahortov, who fought for the

During the siege of Sebastopol, when the batteries on each side were decimating the ranks of the other, at least three times he heard men of the enemy saying: "Brethren, Russians, don't hitfire aside;" and the Russians responded: "Fire aside, brother."

"After this," said the old man, with tears in his eyes, "there was no more such carnage, and would to God that men and angels might never witness such awful work again!"

The other instance of the humanity which will ever assert itself while men are men, even when the grim destiny of war compels them to act as destroyers.

The commander of his ship detailed vine. Three of the Russian sailors had been captured by the English. Mahortov, taking tremendous risk-for it was in the heat of the war-stole through the picket lines at night.

One of his brethren found him secreted in the bush near the station, and threw his arms about Mahortov's neck. Mahortov asked if they had any food and received this surprising answer: "Ih, yes, the English send us coffee, bread and butter in the morning, and the same food they have themselves twice a day beside this. And they tell us: 'Don't be afraid; we won't harm you. It is only the governments that are guilty in this

Strange Fact.

There are 183,000 miles of railway mail routes. Strange as it may seem, this mileage is considerably surpassed by the distance over which mails are rried on horseback or by wagon. The santity of mail so carried, however, is comparatively trifling. ments in Bernin.

The average yearly price for apartments paid by laboring families in Ber-

\$100 Reward, \$100

### WHERE FLAG FIRST WAVED.

Memorial to Be Erected on Famous Revolutionary Hill in Somerville, Mass.

Work will soon begin on the erection of a memorial observatory on the top of historic Prospect hill, Somerville, sum of money having already been set aside by Mayor Glines for the carrying out of such a purpose, says the Boston Post of revent date. Prospect hill is noted for the prominent part it took in the revolutionary war and it was from the top of this hill that the first American flag was thrown to the

The observatory is to take the form of a tower and will closely resemble an old English castle. Situated upon the now unoccupied mound, which has been allowed to remain on the Munroe street side of the parkway, it will greatly add to the artistic beauty of

The tower will be 45 feet high. The top will be flat and protected to height of four feet by a parapet, with iron gratings in the embrasures, and will afford a view that cannot be equaled in Boston. The walls of the tower will be of rough granite and will be 30 feet in diameter. Two rooms will be set apart for the exhibition of historic relics and souvenirs. The structure from the second floor will be hexagonal in shape, resting on six co The cost of the tower is esti mated to be about \$6,000.

### CAUSE OF FLAT WHEELS.

Brakemen Put on the Brakes To Suddenly and Start the Trouble.

"Flat wheels," growled the old railroad brakemen, as the trolley car in which he sat went thumping along at 12 miles an hour, shaking the passengers uncomfortably at every revolution of the wheels, relates the

New York Times. "What makes flat wheels?" asked the man sitting next the old brake-

"Darn fools," said the brakeman. "It's this way: If a man doesn't know how to stop his car he makes a flat wheel. On the steam roads some brakemen flatten a wheel every time they put on the brakes. When the wheel suddenly stops revolving and the momentum of the train carries it on, the wheel slides along the track and a flat is started. Next stop, perhaps, makes it worse, and so the thing goes until the wheel is no good. If a brakeman knows his business he need never make a flat

wheel unless he has to stop suddenly to avoid an accident. If he keeps his wheels turning slowly they don't flatten. Now, these fellows on the trolleys take no care at all, and every other car in some places has a dat wheel'

### SMALLEST STATE IN EUROPE.

Recently Lost Its Identity by Being Annexed to Belgium-Had Only 1,200 Inhabitants.

Few people are aware that the smallest state in Europe has just ceased to exist, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The minute country in question was neither Monaco, nor San Marino, nor Andorra, nor yet Leichtenstein, but Moresnet-a small scrap of territory between Belgium Many stories tell how the soldiers in and Prussia, not far from Aix-la-Chapelle. The independence of Moresnet gray, held friendly parleys between the dates from 1815, and it was only a few intervals when firing days ago that the two neighboring states at last arrived at any agree-

ment for its absorption. Moresnet has now been annexed by Belgium, while Prussia receives a pecuniary indemnity. The amount of the latter should be large, for neutral Moresnet contained the most valuable deposits of zinc in the world. The decision was hastened by the establishment of a gambling hell there, which was stopped by the Belgium

government. The inhabitants, who paid no taxes and were free from military service, will be the losers by their compulsory incorporation in the Belgian kingdom. But as there are only 1,200 of them they could not resist the act of annexation. Had they, like San Marino, declined the dangerous gift of a casino they might have remained neutral and

Dealing in Broken Glass One of the novel trades of London is that of a dealer in second-hand plate-glass. Nearly all of this glass came to Mahortov's personal knowledge is bought by the dealer from insurance companies. The large plates of this kind of glass are insured when him to visit a small detachment of the put in a window, and when any of crew, who had been stationed on the land to raise vegetables in a certain ra- jured glass usually prefers that the insurance company should replace the broken plate rather than he should be paid its price. The dealer in the second-hand glass contrives to utilize what remains of the unbroken part of the glass, cutting it into panes of smaller size, and disposing of them after

### Value of Inoculation.

Of 400 natives belonging to the American mission at Rahuri, Bombay, India, who were inoculated against plague, only one girl caught the disease, and she recovered.

Westrumite.

Westrumite, the invention of Herr van Westrum, is a mixture of oil, which may be diluted as desired, and sprinkled over a road with an ordinary watering cart. The water evaporates, leaving the Westrumite as a moist film, which absolutely prevents the rising of dust. Tested in London on a dry roadway where every vehicle raised clouds of dust, the material so affected the surface that several automobiles at high speed raised no dust whatever.

Wealth of Canadians. The per capita wealth of England is

\$210; that of Canada \$240. The "Sola" Tree of India. The "sola" of India is a small tree from 6 to 10 feet high, with a tapering stem. and the light spongy wood s variety of purposes, one of th ing sun-proof hats or wood is cut into th

### TROLLEY HOMES.

Car Corresponding to the House Boat a Possible Development from Present Conditions.

Now that parlor cars and sleeping sars on trolley lines are established we may be privileged to speculate a bit as to what will come next as an annex of the broomstick train. Sup pose we hazard the guess that it will be the trolley house-first cousin to the house boat, says the Boston Transcript. By the building of spurs and side tracks in delightful spots at country or seashore at a fair and far distance from the main lines resting places for these moveable dwellings could be comfortably managed. At one of them a trolley house might remain for as long a time as contentment was the staying power and when this burning out the trolley pole might be put in contact with the wire and the trolley house trundled away to pastures new. Of course, this is merely the roughest outline of a possible development of the electric car, but it is the pleasantest part upon which the lay mind can dwell. Details of it, like the securing of suitable drinking water and the training of every tenant of one of these dwellings to be his own motorman may as well be left to the confederation of those whose business it would be to

### ARAPAHO AND SHOSHONE.

Indian Tribes Have Distinctive De. signs for the So-Celled Parfleches Made by Them.

The slight differences of styles which occur are well exemplified in the style of painted rawhide bags or envelopes, the so-called "parfleches," writes Prof. Franz Boas, in the Popular Science Monthly. Mr. St. Clair has observed that the Arapaho are in the habit of laying on the colors rather delicately, in areas of moderate size, and of following out a general arrangement of their motives in stripes; that the Shoshone, on the other hand, like large areas of solid colors, bordered by heavy blue bands, and an arrangement in which a central field is set off rather prominently from the rest of the design. This difference is so marked that it is easy to tell a Shoshone parfleche that has found its way to the Arapaho from parfleches of Arapaho manufacture. In other cases the most characteristic difference consists in the place on the parfieche to which the design is applied. The Arapaho and the Shoshone never decorate the sides of a bag, only its flaps, while the tribes of Idaho and Montana always decorate the sides.

Canal Is Profitable.

During the month of July, 3,307 vessels, measuring 454,573 register tons net. used the North sea and Baltic canal, against 3.217 ships and 413,466 tons in the same month of 1902. The dues collected amounted to 211,501 marks against 192,719 marks.

SPIRITS OF THE DROWNED.

How the Chinese Appease the Manes of the Departed-Custom of Taoist Religion.

Shanghai residents seeking cool breezes on the river recently could not fail to notice the number of Chinese boats flying gayly colored lanterns and scattering burning paper on the water. Not only paper, but wonderfully constructed oiled paper lamps of various colors, which were dropped from the boats to float on the water, sometimes trails of 12 or 13 red, blue and gre lamps bobbing up and down on the muddy waters of the Wrangpoo, says the Shanghai Mercury.

Inquiry of even the meanest natives elicited the reply that joss pidgin was being done to keep the drowned men quiet. This is in reality a very ancient custom developed under the Taoist religion, which teaches that the spirits of the drowned flit miserably over and under the water until such time as cash is paid to the gods to release them from their purgatory. Failing this release, the drowned spirit lays in wait to catch boatmen sitting by the water's edge at dark and pull them into the water to take their places, when they themselves escape.

Hence, clinging to the old superstition, everywhere for the past 15 days of the seventh moon the Chinese assemble in bands and go down the rivers in their boats, beating gongs and burning paper money. Products of modern life are curiously blended with the old ideas, as we see every where in China, and in this festival steam launches are often to be seen towing a string of boats with colored lanterns waving to and fro. One procession of boats carrying over 100 lanterns and scattering others in their wake was preceded by the music of a cornet, a strange anomaly indeed.

#### Process Discovered in Bavaria Which May Revolutionize Great Industry-Experiment Successful.

Experiments are being made in Bavaria in the manufacture of cotton out of pine wood. The method is to reduce the wood to the finest layers possible, then to subject it to a vapor process for ten hours.

The pulp is then plunged into a soda bath, where it stays 36 hours. It is thus transformed into a kind of cellulose, to which a resistant quality is given by adding oil and gelatin. Then it is drawn out and untangled by ma-

chinery. The process is said not to be expensive, and it is thought that if this cotton can be made of practical use Europe will be independent of America and India. The immense forests of Scandinavia and Germany would furnish ample material for her "cotton" supply.

Big Profit in Mushrooms. The growing of mushrooms for market has become an industry of considerable importance in this country. It has, however, been handicapped in its development by the fact that it was neces sary to import most of the spawn, which are exceedingly difficult to grow. The department of agriculture announces at it has discovered a simple and pracmethod by which not only a high

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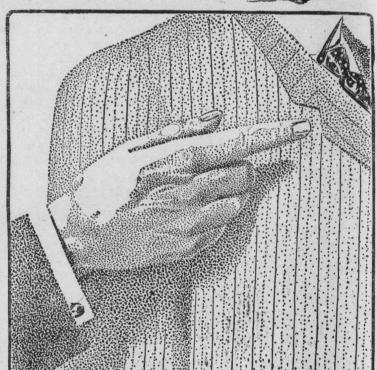
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