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"It was somewhere in the meighborhood of 30 years a o that I met with one of the most thrilling adventures of my life," began Maj Rawling, as he lit his cigar and set led down in a comfortable arm chair before the open grate fire.

"I was at that time in command of a scouting party of a dozen men, which bad been sent out from one of the government posts on a reconnoitering expedition.

"We had ridden for hours without meeting with any signs of our foes, and I was congratulating myself on not having any fighting to do for that day at least, when just as dusk was coming on, I saw, plainly outlined against the horizon, the figure of a solitary Indian on horseback, apparently watching us.

"The instant he noticed that he had been discovered he whirled like a flash and disappeared from view over the brow of the knoll.

"At that moment a perfect storm of yells broke out in the direction of the knoll, and the clatter of horses' hoofs could be heard rapidly approaching. There was no time for parley or delay. "'Right wheel!' I shouted, and make for the Devil's pocket! Ride for your

lives!! "We spurred swiftly across the prairie in the direction of the spot where we expected to find refuge. The Indians came on yelling and firing; but fast riding and excitement, as well as the increasing darkness, disconcerted the aim of our savage foes, and we reached our objective point without losing a man.

"The Devil's pocket proved to be deen cleft or canon in the side of a high bluff. The place was a natural fortress. and 10 skilful marksmen could have held it against 1,000 redskins.

"Thrice they charged up to the mouth of the canon, and thrice we drove them back.

"Instead of charging again they tried a new tack. Retiring out of range they encamped directly in front of our retreat, apparently with the intention of starving us out. Here they remained all that night and the next day, and the succeeding morning still found them

"We had eaten the last of our scanty provisions, there was no water in the canon and the mon were suffering greatly from thirst and bunger.

"The situation was fast growing desperate, and I was about to order my men to mount and force their way through or die bravely fighting for inner side of the track. These engage their liberty, when suddenly, away off the track and the inner portion of the to the right, a cloud of dust came roll- tire. Two more rollers are journalled scout what it meant.

"Bufflers-that's what it means!" lucky that we're in here out o' thar' way. Just wait till they git a leetle closer an' see the Injins skedaddle!'

"'Think they'll oe apt to run for a few buffaloes?"

"'Few, hey?' snorted Hardy. 'Thar' only animal an Injin'il run away from."

"On they came nearer and nearer. headed straight across the plain in front of the bluff. The Indians, intent the amusement seeker. It's awkward on watching us, saw their danger when it was too late. There was no time for retreat. They must either meet that living avalanche and scatter it or go

down before it. "A few ran for their ponies and quickly mounted, while the remainder awaited the inevitable collision on foot. They filled the air with their piercing yells and fired wildly at the swiftly approaching mass, but all to no avail. Majestic and terrible, that awful sea came rolling on.

"The mighty herd passed on, but in its pathway no living thing was left to tell the tale of that brief but deadly struggle. Our savage foes would trouble us no more!"

# Chinese Etiquette.

You may thank your stars that you surrounded by a wall of etiquette as old | Belfort, France, as his great Chinese Wall and even more unchanging.

Here are some of the rules he must follow unflinchingly and with the greatest care. They are imperative and are never known to be broken:

He must rise every morning at 2 The dishes served at breakfast are

the same day after day, and have been fixed from time immemorial. Every dish is served in couples; two

ducks, two chickens, two soups, two cups of tea, etc., each following the other in time-honored succession. He must eat just so much of each

dish, and show no partiality. If he appears to like any food particularly. and eat heartily of it, the State physician, who stands behind him all the time, immediately orders it to be taken away.

The Emperor must never turn a corner when out for a drive. If he is seized with a fancy to drive out, which, fortunately, does not occur often, as it means enormous expenses, all the streets must be made straight; if any houses interfere they are promptly swept away, while even a dried-up watercourse must be spanned with a

# What, Indeed?

bridge.

The King of Annam has an original idea in the way of a strong box. He has the trunks of trees hollowed out, filled with gold or silver and flung into his private lake, where a large staff of erocodiles wards off intruders. What will he do when he wants his trees-

Indian Clubs.

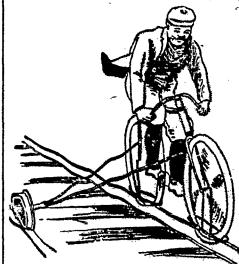
Crabs two feet in length are often men in India.

MACHINE TO COMBINE PLEASURE OF BIKING AND EASE OFTRAVEL

The Attachment is Elightly Constructed and May Be Carried About By a Whoolman -it Is Akward Meeting a Train Coming Around a Curve.

Here is a new wheel which enables the rider to combine the pleasures of bleycling with something of the case and dispatch of railway travel. The contrivance employs a third wheel which, attached to an ordinary bicycle. supports the wheelman and enables him to spin along a railroad track at a high apeed.

The new railroad blercle may be operated on either a wide or narrow gauge track. The attachment supports the larger wheels by means of a brace connected with a third wheel, smaller than the others, which glides along the opposite track. The machine is thus rirually a tricycle. The braces connecting the Moyele with the smaller



RAILEOAD ATTACHMENT.

wheel are attached to the bleycle frame several inches above the axle, and thus prevent it from falling inward if unskilfully gnicked.

The larger wheel is made heavy to balance the weight of the bicycle and the rider and prevent them from toppling over in the opposite direction.

The third wheel is provided with a deep flange which extends below the surface of the track on the inner side. A corresponding flange is attached to the bicycle wheels. This is done by suspending a frame below the wheels of the bicycle, attached to a forked

brace, which is in turn attached to the bi cycle frame. A series of rollers are attached to this frame, which are set close to the

on a smaller frame, which sits close to the tire of the rear wheel. There rollers, by pressing against the rail and chuckled the old scout. 'An' it's mighty the adjacent tire, also serve to keep the tire on the track. The attachment is lightly constructed

and may be packed in comparatively small compass and carried about by a wheelman. A good wheelman, mounted in this fashion, could equal the speed air thousands comin' along with that of most freight trains and of some cloud of dust, an' they're erbout the passenger trains, allowing the time prison bars so heavy and hard that they take in stopping at stations.

Although the bicycle is capable of great speed, It is not recommended to meeting a train coming around a curve.

# Theater Cortain of Aluminum.

To satisfy the demands of the committee of safety in theaters of the city of Paris the managers of the Paris Grand Opera House had a new metallic curtain put in to their house this summer. This curtain, which is to protect the ardience in case of fire on the stage is made of aluminum. It is fifty-six feet wide by fifty-two high, representing a surface of almost 3.000 square feet. This curtain is put together in sheets, each plate being tharteen feet long, thirty-nine inches wi-de and one-tenth of an inch thick The total weight of the curtain will not exceed 4.000 pounds; had from or steel been used in stead of aluminum the curtain could not have weighed less are not the Emperor of China. He than 11.000 pounds. It was construct. is a most unhappy individual. He is ed by M. Charpentier at Valdoie. near

# Mr. Gladst-one's Axes.

No visitor to Hawarden forgets to inspect that porterations collection of axes which keeps a live the memory of one of its late master's best-known recreations. The Late Mr. Gladstone's passion for tree-felling was a godsend to his admirers. Anyone in doubt as to the selection of a present whereby to testify his admiration could always as a last resort, fall back upon an axe. Hence the array of these weapons in all parts of the castle. Many of them were more adapted to ornamentation than utility, and especially is this true of the tiny model axe that came from line his dictionary for an English renthe Princess of Wales with a playful, dering of the Spanish word "bueno" puraning letter on the iniquity of "ax- (good) he selected "virtuous" as being ing questions." One enthusiast actually forwarded a full-size are made of solid silver.

# Waters of the Sea.

It has been competed that if the sea were emptied of its waters, and all the rivers of the earth were to pour their present floods into the vacant space. allowing nothing for evaporation, 40,-000 years would be required to bring the water of the ocean up to its present of starch for stiffening the frills round

# Coat of Crime.

Crime costs London more than \$7,500,000 a year, over \$6,000,000 of which goes to the Metropolitan police. This amounts to so mething like \$1.50 per head of London's population for their sins.

Brust Pay for Brass. In Venezuela if a cooking-stove has a brass knob on its door, the whole thing is weighted as so much brass, and duty

sharged accordingly\_

POLITENESS IN MEXICO.

Statedy Coursesy Is Practiced in Everyday Life Among All Classes.

No other nation can equal Mexico in the stately courtesy practiced in everyday life among all classes. Even the poor laborers rarely address one another without some terms of endearment "Como estas mi alma" ("How are you, my soul?") is a common form of address. Every one seems to have a gentle consideration for the feelings of others. "My lady, I am at your feet," is the prescribed form of salutation from a gentleman who meets a lady, whereas if two gentlemen meet they say, "I kiss your band."

A Mexican will never permit a lady to descend the stairs alone; he takes her by the hand or offers his arm, and only takes leave of her at the street door. Often in their rambles through Mexico strangers lose their way, and if they have a slight knowledge of Spanish an appeal to a native is certain to bring courteous relief.

The Mexican lover calls his sweetheart "the very eyes of me," and it she rejects him he is likely to say, "Since there is no help, I bow before you, kiss your feet and depart."

Mexican politeness always has the appearance of perfect sincerity. An American young lady was once talking with an old Mexican gentleman and she laughingly said something about having some literary work to do. It was good to see the old fellow's impressive manner as he exclaimed: Work! Miss, such lips as yours should never mention work. You should be a queen and wear pearls as beautiful as those incased in your lovely mouth."

### Polsonous Plowers.

The berries of the yew have killed many persons, and it is pretty well known nowadays that it is not safe to eat many peach pits or cherry kernels at once.

Among the garden plants commonly in vogue which possess a polsonous nature botanists mention the flowers of the jonquil, white hyacinth and snowdrop, thenarcissus being also particularly deadly, so much so, indeed, that to chew a small scrap of one of the bulbs may result fatally, while the juice of the leaves is an emetic.

There is enough oplum in red popples to do mischief, and the autumn crocus, if the blossoms are chewed, causes illness.

The lobelias are all dangerous, their juice, if swallowed, producing giddlness, with pains in the head.

Lady's slipper poleons in the same manner as does polson lyy. The bulbs the valley are also as much so.

The leaves and flowers of the oleander are deadly, and the back of the catalpa tree is very mischlevous; the water dropwort, when not in flower. resembles celery, and is virulent.

Water Tubes for Jail Hars. A water-tube jail is one of the latest achievements of Yankee ingenuity. It is no longer necessary to make the



utting through them becomes difficult but instead they are made simply of pipes forming part of a high pressure water, system. Should any of these pipes be severed the water escapes and quickly gives warning of the break.

He Means Well.

An enterprising native shopkeeper in Santiago displays over a great heap of headgear the sign, "These hats are virtuous." It appears that in search the most elegant.

A Caterpillar's Sight. A French scientist says a caterpillar

cannot see more than two-fifths of an inch ahead. The hairs on the body ara said to be of as much use as its eyes in letting it know what is going on

Starch.

About one hundred years ago the usethe neck was considered highly reprehensible, if not positively sinful.

London's Coal. The amount of coal brought to Lon-

don by rail and canal every year is well over 8,000,000 tons. Greatness.

A great man's greatness is never so

apparent as when he lets smaller men

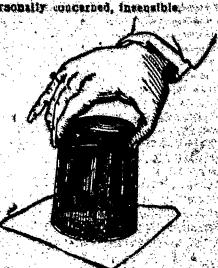
ro shead of him. Few Foreigners.

The proportion of foreigners to Engish in Engineed is about 1 in 250.

THE MAGIC TUMBLER le War to Frave the Great Free

THE W. ASP. MANUAL WAS FRANCE The air which for about forty miles surrounds our earth has a definite weight; and although we can neither

see nor feel it, we are conscious of its drinking of beer and of the and the presence by the momentary operation smoking of tobecoo. His facis all fall of breathing. The weight of a solumn | comfortably into their places in supof air one inch square, and forty miles high, is about fifteen pounds. The reas more suicides among men than among son why we are not crushed down by women, and do not men consume more this continue weight in because we ment, more beer and more tobased at ablence cologies. Tramow and than the words like no behouverus era as the pressure or weight is equal all more common in England than in around, it becomes, as far as we are Scotland, not apparently because the personally concerned, intensible



THE MADIN TRANSPORT

That the air does exert a definite pressure, in consequence of its weight, may be exally proved by any one with the above closule apparatus—only a tumbler and a sheet of paper. Eill a tumbler delle fall of water, and carefully draw over its top a sheet of clean letter paner, and he careful to see that there are no hisbbles of air in the watare place vour hand over the paper while inverting it, and when the glass is mouth downward the water will be kept in, until the paper becomes wet through. The sir pressing against the mouth of the tumbler is of greater weight than the contained water, and so, until some air can get in to supply the place of the water, it cannot

Hwest Charlty. "Mamme, does you know anything to

play? I'me so foundy and tired," and little Fay Allison looked up at her mother, the picture of ablect misery.

Why, yer dear, mamma will tell you of a lonely game to amuse yourself with. Did you ever play charity?" "No, maam. Please tell me all about it." Fuy's little fare expressed

inferest now. "Well, you go to Jame, and tell her to me."

Pay trotted off, looking very important, and presently she returned, arrayed in her thick winter garments. Mamma was waiting with a large bundle in her arms, and taking Pay

by the hard, they started. As they walked along the child notions that they were leaving the protty homelike atracts for the tenement house district. Presently they stopped in front of a large, ill kept house, where several dirly, hungry looking children played. Mrs. Allison paused and, opening her bundle, took out some bread, which she distributed

among the children. On she went, all through the wretched house, bringing relief to suffering families. When Fay was in her little bed that night she gave thanks in her prayer for the awest game of charity.

What is Good. "What is the real good?" I asked in musing mood. "Order," ward the law court: "Knowledge," said the school; "Truth," said the wise man: "Pleasure," said the fool: "Love," said the maiden: "Beauty," said the page: "Freedom," said the dreamer: "Home," said the sage: "Feme," said the soldler: Equity ! the seer. Spake my heart full radly:-

"The answer is not here." Then within my hosom Softly this I heard: "Each heart holds the secret;" Kindness is the word."

A New Pamp. Bicycle tires can be quickly inflated by a new pump which is formed of the central tube of the frame, with valves at each end, the seat post being used as a plunger for compressing the air and fastened by a clamping lever when

An Aptive Volcano The most active volcano in the the bachelor surplus is 19 world is Mount Sangay, 17,190 feet high, situated on the eastern chain of the Andes South America. It has been in constant eruption since 1728.

Quenched at Last. More than fifty years ago a coal mine at Daily, Scotland, caught fire. All the attempts made to put it out have failed, but it is out now, apparently from lack of feel.

laughing in bed, she said, "What are into the jury box you children laughing about?" Oh nothing," replied Edna, "only you have given Edith two baths, and haven't given me any

Friends of the Salles The cries of sea birds, especially sea gulls, are very valuable to sallors in misty weather. The birds cluster on the cliffs and coast, and their orless warn bostmen that they are near the land.

Spider's Production is Small. The amount of silk produced by each spider is so small that scientists computes that 865,522 would be required to THE RESIDENCE OF

THE TRACING OF EUICIDE

State of the state Dr. Hair is of the opinion that sufcide may be traped to error in dial the error being the eating of meet the port of his hypothesis. Are there not Scotch are a more cappy race, but because the English eat more meat and drink more bear, while the Bootch eat land an loss most and drink whisky instead of been. After maintaining that suicide was less common among the Scotch, it was perhaps hardly polite, when addressing a Scotch audience, to go by to say that suicide increased with civiliation. But the fact was explained on the ground of more injurious dist, that of civilized man being more preductive of uric sold and thus of suicide then that which prevails where clylitation in less advanced. Unic acid is, in fact, and appliat the bottom of all this, and, according to Dr. Haig, the incidence of subcide tallies with the delly, annual and life ductuations of urle acid in the blood, being commonest when urte acid is most abundant, namely, in the morn-

childhood and the full prime of life. We have no doubt that errors of diet are responsible for much, and, among other things for a certain number of suicides; pay, we would go frither and admit that unsultable dist, derangement of the proper relation between nutrition and waste and the consequent loading of the theorem and the blood with abnormal products of the tabolism have much to do with that Ill-temper and discontent which leed men to lay their hands violeatly upon their neighbors and sometimes themselves. All this may be taken for granted, but it is at present far from proved that the peccant material is inall cause the same, and utill further are we from being agreed that urle sold is the origin of the evil.

ings, in spring and summer and in

New Cure for Alechelling Now that the Keeley gold sure is the way to join the Kesley meter than is room for the new Russian remail for alcoholism which Michael Company vitch Alaverdon is introducing England. His remody is a se found in cartain parts of Maria from the fact that it said cent, of spirits of which of distilled water. It like herb! The Best thene think must do is to get thoron over night. Scotch which mended for this. When he the morning with a dark-bloom in his mouth he is given a said containing the papers. Fight drink again, and ever it he do says M. Alayerdon, it will immediate

Thunder and Lightedtan It is said that lightning may be reaognized at a distance of 100 miles the clouds among which it plays and a high altitude, but thunder see dom be heard at a granter of than test miles. The spoot of der is also subject the sent of the sent density in the sent of the sent density in the sent of the sent density in phere, sa well at to the out "sound shadows," product is and other interposed officers, are smong the reasons for the sa-of the so-called "sheet" of the lightning, which seeps to b ed by thunder.

make him womit."

Students of explication in wondered why the two words Dame are not of sough they appear so to the caston A writer in one of the feetal magazines bus found the sap which is rather curious, edit that when the cathedral was th esthedral of a suffiagan bishop re-entified to two towers of aging shall for centuries the bishop of season suffragan to the hishop of Banes

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India Rabber Meels. India rubber beels are to be attached to the shoes worn by the French a diets lite claimed that they deared the fatigue of matching,

Basiles Jures Per Park The nurse had been giving the twins excused from serving because hat hater, hearing the children weighed 317 pounds and could not set

> Advertising. An advertising from vanta so, was to boarding on the banks of the super Canal and decorate At with adversa ments.

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