

After the Burglar

It was night. Deep, dark night, all over Reno including the home of Tom Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsey Jr. climbed promptly out of bed and arming himself with a miner's candlestick of the latest and most deadly pattern.

There was a roomer upstairs, and he, too, was served with a notice to come forth and do battle in defense of the house of Ramsey.

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The son of Ramsey and the roomer followed the lead of the grizzled veteran, guided by the soft, almost inaudible rattle of his silk kimono.

There was nothing doing to the anarchist or dynamite line above stairs, and then the party silently deployed on to the floor below, where it was not kept long waiting.

Suddenly and with appalling noise from a far corner of the room came the sound of the enemy. There was a splitting-thudding sound, followed by the crash of a heavy weight striking something with great force.

Silently, and with the gravity befitting the release from the necessity of shedding human blood, the roomer, Ramsey and Ramsey Junior returned to the slumber regions above.

The Key to the Bastille. The bastille was the prison in which French kings confined political prisoners.

Woman Accomplished Linguist. Miss Martine Kramers of Rotterdam, Holland, is one of the most accomplished of women linguists.

Mam's Rough Path. Times are not always hard, but a man always needs money, for he is compelled to buy his salvation of a doctor, his health of a doctor, and his rights of a lawyer.

OLD TRICKS STILL WORK

Confidence Games Long Used Are Efficacious in Obtaining Money. Judging from the daily reports this is a particularly propitious season for the confidence men.

It is said that the "get rich quick" expert has violated no law, and if he hasn't there will be no pity for his victims. We may hold the sharper and all of his kind as undesirable.

Why 1909 Girls Are Stupid. The fashionable girl is very dull in winter. She has quite reversed the rule of hygiene that bids us, we would be healthy and bright.

The cub oak grows plentifully in Spain and the peasants make use of the bark to light their houses at night.

Humiliating with Cork. The cork oak grows plentifully in Spain and the peasants make use of the bark to light their houses at night.

A Disciplinarian. Miss Hobson was most popular with the two young and unmarried members of Centerville's school board.

The Retort Courteous. A lady, who was unfamiliar with the streets of New York, was much confused by the jargon used by a car conductor.

Ageing Timber. Timber is now seasoned electrically. It is placed in a solution of borax resin and carbonate of soda.

Etymological Note. To anticipate and avoid the fierce onslaughts of the language sharps, we hasten to say that all credit for "conspicuously" which decorated these columns yesterday, belongs to old Col. Linotype.

LOVE AT SECOND SIGHT

"I'm about sick of this place," remarked Bobby Dawes discontentedly in the snow clad mountains.

The snow-clad mountains vouchsafed no reply and Bobby Dawes, with that feeling of satisfaction which the taking of any resolution, good or bad, engenders.

There was no mistaking Bobby Dawes' nationality as he strolled idly along under the trees.

It was impossible, he said decidedly with a shrug of his massive shoulders, for M. Stie to leave with impunity the famous funicular.

A simple act enough, but fraught with the most momentous consequences to Bobby Dawes.

Suffering acutely from chattering tourists he leaned well out from his corner seat watching the other car as it approached.

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PLAY BASEBALL AT NIGHT

Games in Alaska Begin at Half-Past Seven in Evening.

"Alaska is the greatest country in the world," said a prominent legal light, who made a tour there following attendance on the meeting of the American Bar Association at Seattle.

The Climate. The oldest inhabitant is given a job by Sir John Moore, who has collected vast amount of data to prove that the climate during the past seven centuries has been practically unchangeable.

The Critic. The man who has a good opinion of his own abilities, so much so that he thinks he can do a thing better than anyone else, was taught a good lesson recently.

Glass Wasting Away. The authorities of the Royal Museum at Dresden have discovered a glass vase in one of their showcases, dating from the eighteenth century.

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CAP, THE FIRE DOG

Cap had lived with the firemen ever since he could remember. He had been brought to the station when he was only a little puppy, and every fireman loved him and declared that Cap was the wisest dog that he had ever seen.

One fireman had taught Cap to stand on his back feet and say, "Bow-wow!" whenever he was hungry. Another fireman had taught him to scratch the floor below the water faucet and bark whenever he was thirsty.

The chief of the fire department said that Cap could do more "tricks" than any dog he had ever seen, and the best one of all he had learned to do without ever having been told how to do it.

The firemen slept upstairs over the station in long rows of white beds and, whenever the fire bell rang in the night, the firemen would spring from their beds, dress before you could say Jack Robinson, run to the four large holes in the door, and come sliding down the poles one after another.

But at night Cap stayed downstairs, sleeping very near the telephone and fire bell, and when the alarm sounded, the firemen would hear Cap's loud "Bow-wow!" almost as soon as they heard the bell.

One night there was a great storm, and something happened to the telephone and fire bells, so that they could not ring, and, in the night time, when all was dark and still.

Not even a fire horse moved. "Bz-z-z!" said the bell again, and suddenly Cap opened his eyes, and with a loud "Bow-wow-wow!" sprang to his place in the chief's cart.

The fireman rolled out of their beds, and each one asked: "Did you hear that? Did the fire bell ring?" And the answer came "No, it was only Cap barking; but he is certainly saying 'fire.' We had better dress and slide down and see about it."

"Bow-wow! bow-wow-wow!" barked Cap. "Bz-z-z!" said the bell just as the first fireman came sliding down the pole.

"Fire!" shouted the fireman. "Cap was right. Come on!" And in a moment there was a clattering of many hoofs as the fire horses dashed to their places, the jingling of harness as it dropped into place on the horses' backs, shouts of "Fire, keep out of the street!" from the policeman in front of the station, and "clang, clang, clang!" from the gears of the engine, the hose cart, the hook-and-ladder wagon, and the chief's cart as they dashed away down the street.

The fire was soon found and put out, and when the people who lived in the burning house came out to thank the firemen, the chief patted Cap on the head and said: "Do not thank us. Thank Cap. He is the best fireman of us all." And Cap who had never for one moment ceased his "Bow-wow-wow!" wagged his tail and said, dog fashion, "I did the best I could, but I am not a fireman, I am only Cap, the fire dog."

London Bridges. Few perhaps are aware of the extent to which the city of London is bridged over. In all it seems there are no fewer than seventy-five bridges. Of these nineteen are railway bridges, three are bridges over roads such as Holborn viaduct, and fifty-three bridges which connect private premises.

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