

### NIGHT OF MANY DISTURBANCES

When the Telephone Proved a Source of Trouble.

"These weather reports," said Rufus to Billings as they sat side by side in the trolley on their way to their respective homes, "make me tired. When the man in the weather tower thinks there is any probability of rain he takes the benefit of the doubt and says 'showers for tomorrow.' This morning I proposed to my wife that we make a pleasure trip with the children, but the weather report said 'rain,' so we gave it up. It has been delightful all day, and now, an hour after we should have got home, it is beginning to thicken up. We can't go tomorrow, for then it will rain sure enough."

"Another overrated addition to our conveniences," replied Billings, "is the telephone. Last summer I thought how nice it would be when my family were at our cottage in the country to be able to speak to them at any moment. So I had a telephone connection put in. The consequence was that the baby never coughed but my wife called me up to report the fact."

"One evening just before I left the office to go to my city home there was a ring at the telephone beside me on my desk, and, putting the receiver to my ear, I heard my wife say to me in a tremulous voice: 'Rags—Rags was our sky terror—has been missing all day. A tramp came by this morning, and I fear he has enticed the dog away. I'm sure there is a plan to rob us.'"

"I laughed at her fears, though I confess I was worried. Telling her to have the coachman, whose room was on the second floor of the barn, sleep in the house, I bade her goodnight, telling her that I would call her up before going to bed. Fortunately for me, I had an engagement to dine with an intimate friend and in this was something to occupy my mind and keep it off what my wife had told me. I remained away from home till 10 o'clock, then returned, and the first thing I did was to go to the telephone and ring up my wife."

"Oh, I am so glad you've called," she said. "I'm so worried."

"What about?"

"Rags hasn't come home, and I'm sure—"

"How about Patrick? Is he sleeping in the house?"

"Yes, I made sure of that by going to the room to see if he was there."

"Well?"

"I'm awfully nervous."

"Nonsense. Go to bed and to sleep. Here's a good night kiss for you," and I made a smack with my lips. She replied faintly, and, after telling her that I would sleep downstairs, where I could hear the telephone bell, I said "Good night" and rang off."

"I slept on a divan in the drawing room. It was very hot, and I left a front window open. I was an hour getting to sleep and was awakened by a dazzling light shining in my eyes. It proved to be a bullseye in the hands of a night watchman, who, noticing the open window, was poking around to see if anything was wrong. I drove him away, but somehow I got to thinking about my wife's fears at home. At that time of night we are prone to magnify trifles, and I got up a terrific dread that her fears were well grounded."

"The telephone bell rang out with a sound that to me plainly cried 'Murder!' I jumped out of bed and went into the hall, where the telephone box hung, and, putting the receiver to my ear, asked 'Well?'"

"My wife's voice, or a ghost of it, replied, 'Oh, Harry, there's some one trying to open a window on the piazza!'"

"Well, call Patrick and tell him to go down. My pistols—you know where they are. In the top bureau drawer—take them to him."

"There was a click as the bung up the receiver, and I waited breathlessly. In a few minutes another click told me that it had been taken again, and a frightened voice came: 'Oh, Harry, Patrick is not there! He was when I looked before, but he is not now. The window has been opened. There's some one coming upstairs. I'm going so faint!'"

"After waiting and ringing for five minutes it seemed an hour—what do you suppose was the next thing I heard from that confounded telephone? 'Cholly, gone to bed? No? Well, come down to the club and have a nightcap. In vain I tried to get central. It was no use. The wires had got crossed, and I was shut off from my wife, who was doubtless being murdered."

"In twenty minutes I was at the station inquiring when the next train left. When they told me 'in the morning' I begged for an engine. But the superintendent had gone to bed, and they wouldn't wake him up. I waited in agony till the train left and reached home at 8 o'clock."

"My wife was in the garden with the children picking roses. When she turned and saw me she looked surprised and asked what brought me home. After I had informed her, in no affective tone, she told me that it was Patrick who was coming upstairs. He had stolen out to go to a dance and got locked out. He had no difficulty in opening the window catch with his wife, and as he went past my wife's door there was a hitch in the telephone service. I felt something rub my leg, and, looking down, there was Rags wanting to say 'Good morning.' He had got wind the day before of a new bed for rats and had gone for a day's sport."

### CHARMING CREATION.

Street Frock Which Has Many Salient Style Points.



OLIO AND SMART TULLET.

Never in one season has there been such a diversity of fashions. The frock shown in the illustration has many new and striking style points, most salient of which are the pockets. Everything this year has pockets. Bolts, separate skirts, shirt waists and sports coats reveal in them, and the dressmaker garments have adopted them also. This gown is of blue gabardine, a fabric and color which are very popular this season. The waist is in semi-coat effect, and the sleeves are the new and very popular bell shape. A back of belt confines the front, and the back of the bodice is rather intricately draped. The tunic is full and is finished by a hem, while the narrow underskirt, which shows all the way up the front, has a corded French hem as a finish.

### AMERICAN UNIFORM.

What Milady Would Wear Were She to Take Up Arms. If the American woman is suddenly called upon to take up arms in defense of her native land she will be prepared in so far as an attractive uniform is concerned. Blue, of course, is the prevailing color in feminine uniforms. The material is gabardine of the spring weight, which readily lends itself to plaiding schemes. The plaits are found chiefly in the skirts, always very full, and nearly always of ample length, for the high topped shoes go with the military uniform walking costume, and that shoe is so trim that to conceal any part of it would be a pity. One of the plainest of these models has a skirt so severely cut that, while it fits without a wrinkle over the hips, it falls in loose pleats below them. They do not drop inward about the ankles, however, although there is no apparent scheme for making them stand out.

### Hats and Parasols Match.

Throughout the past winter we became accustomed to the sets consisting of matching toques, muffs and collars—of fur, chiffon, velvet and satin. Now we shall see matching hats and parasols to use with thin frocks. They are very pretty, and often figured chiffon is employed in their making—over silk for the parasol, over straw for the hat.

### JEWELRY CHANGES.

Since so many of the spring fashions boast of peasant origin the jewelers have bethought themselves to put out copies of peasant antique brooches suitable to accompany the quaint frocks and blouses of the period. Many of these introduce a note of color, and the design is unusual in its metal combinations. Much of this jewelry has come direct from Europe, and others represent domestic copies of the same. Quite new are the pearl and jet neckties represented in long, single strings of pearl beads not larger than the size of seed pearls and finished with cut jet beads or fringe or double twisted chains of alternate black and white with dainty pendant.

These neckties are designed to be fastened in front with a double twist like a man's cravat; hence the name. These are of unusual interest just now because of the dominant vogue of all manner of white and black things.

## Old Clothes Made to Look Almost New

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### AVOID CONTAGION.

Set the Health History of a House Before You Move Into It.

To those intending to buy or move into a house that has been occupied the following advice is offered by the Woman's Home Companion.

"Guard your family from contagious disease germs in the new house. It has been proved that thousands of tuberculosis and scarlet fever cases annually are the result of moving into houses which have not been disinfected."

"Secure the health history of the house you expect to buy or rent. It will be supplied by your board of health, your health officer or any physician who practices in your town. If it has housed a tuberculosis patient don't take that house, find another."

"No matter what the health history of the house, have the plumbing examined, the drains flushed and the entire house disinfected."

"If the walls are to be repapered have the old paper removed."

"Do not move into any house where the cellar has been flooded and is moldy."

"In towns where there is neither city water nor sewerage system make sure that the well and the cesspool are widely separated."

### REPORTING FROM MEMORY.

When Note Taking Was Forbidden in the House of Commons.

Holcroft's feat in memorizing the whole play of "Figaro" after hearing it ten times could probably have been easily outdone by "Memory" Woodfall, who in the days when note taking was forbidden in the house of commons acquired fame by the extraordinary power of reporting from memory the speeches he heard in that august assembly.

His usual attitude during a debate, says the London Chronicle, was to close his eyes and lean forward with both hands upon his stick, being so well acquainted with the tone and manner of the several speakers that he seldom changed his attitude save to catch the name of a new member.

The speeches thus memorized he printed in his journal, and so wonderful was his memory that he could recall full recollection of a debate a fortnight after, though having listened to many long nights of speaking in the interval. He used to say he could put any speech away on a corner shelf of his mind for future reference.

### The Fastest Colors.

It is said that the fastest colors on the market are what are known among dyers as hydrosulphite-colors that are dyed with hydrosulphite in a caustic bath. These colors are as nearly fast as any can be made and have been adopted by our government to be used in army uniforms.

The dyeing of these colors on cotton yarn is simple, especially when the Scotch tub system is employed. The proper way to dye these colors is to use the vacuum type of dye machine, as the dyestuff experts hold that all air should be eliminated from the cotton before the dyestuff is applied, and this type of machine is best suited for that purpose, because in this system the cotton is stationary and the dye liquor is forced through the cotton by means of pumps.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

### Suspicion.

"They've elected me a responsible officer of our association," said the busy man.

"That shows you are popular," commented his wife.

"Maybe not. They are planning to raise the dues. Maybe they were looking for some one who was already so unpopular that he won't mind the criticism."—Washington Star.

### BRYANT'S POETIC CAREER.

Two Facts About His Greatest Work, "Thanatopsis."

Bryant was nearly twenty-three years old when "Thanatopsis" was first printed in the North American Review. So much has been said about the astounding precocity of this poet and so many errors have accumulated around the publication of his masterpiece that it may be well to state the facts.

We know just two facts about this work. First, it was published when Bryant was almost twenty-three—not young for a poetic genius, second, that in its original published form in the North American Review it is not a remarkable poem.

It was in the 1821 edition of Bryant's poems, when the author was twenty-six or twenty-seven, that the work first appeared in its universally known form. Only a few minor changes were made after that date. This disposes of the generally accepted statement that "Thanatopsis" is a juvenile masterpiece.

Bryant was, however, a precocious poet, although his precocity is not displayed in his greatest work. One of the most extraordinary facts about his poetical career is that he actually published verse during the administration of Thomas Jefferson and during the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes. So long a period and so slender an output speak well for his fastidious taste.—North American Review.

### ARMS OF ANTWERP.

They Recall the Queer Custom That Gave the City Its Name.

Historians relate that Antwerp takes its name from a castle which in Frankish times marked the site of the city. This castle was built to protect the entrance to the Scheldt and to prevent foreign traders introducing goods into the country without paying toll to the sovereign lord.

The penalty for theft and smuggling was in those days the cutting off of a hand, and, as in this case the severed members were thrown into the Scheldt, the castle came to be known as Antwerpen—or, in Flemish, Antwerpen—the "place of hand throwing." The castle and two severed hands appear on the city arms to this day.

Antwerp cathedral's tapering spire was once compared by Charles V. to the Steen castle, the fortress palace of the former counts of Antwerp, break the center of the line of docks and look as if great fairs which during the middle ages served to attract merchants from all parts of the civilized world.—London Standard.

### Trial by Jury.

The New York Law Journal says on the subject of trial by jury.

"While we do not think that trial by jury ought to be abolished or that there is any increasing sentiment in that direction, we do believe that the system should be modified by dispensing with the requirement for unanimous verdicts. This would obviate the element of individual eccentricity as an impediment to the administration of justice. Mental idiosyncrasy on the part of judges is constantly exhibited and scarcely excites comment. An eminent and very able judge will dissent from the ruling of his associates when it is extremely difficult to understand how so gifted a mind could have gone off on that particular tangent. By permitting affirmances or reversals, notwithstanding dissent, the personal equation is eliminated."

Young, but Accomplished.

Woman—Does that parrot swear? Dealer—Very prettily, mum, for so young a bird.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### ANCIENT MEDICAL SKILL.

How Had Clever Physicians and Surgeons Ages Ago.

Both cocaine and quinine were first discovered and used by the prehistoric inhabitants of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. A cup made from the wood of the tree yielding quinine was filled with water and allowed to stand overnight. In the morning the liquid had become saturated with the medicinal properties possessed by the wood and its bitter contents were drunk. The quinine cups sold in drug stores in this country during the past century were the early method used to administer quinine.

The leaf from the tree giving cocaine is chewed today by the Indians living in the mountainous districts of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. It acts as a heart stimulant in those high altitudes and deters the pangs of hunger so frequently felt by the half starved natives.

The Chinuss, who lived in Peru, according to some authorities, 2500 years before Christ and whose dominions extended into Bolivia, Ecuador and parts of Brazil and Colombia, had a pharmacopoeia of their own. Most of the articles used by them as medicines seems ago are used by the physician of today. Their surgeons were highly skilled too. I have seen skulls dug up in their old cemeteries that showed their owners during life had been injured many times in battle by blunt instruments, presumably clubs, and their lives had been saved by trephining. I recall one skull with four silver plates, several with three, very many with two and hundreds with one.—Lettie's Weekly.

### SKILL OF THE BEAVER.

As a Canal Digger He is an Engineer of Rare Ability.

According to a legend, the beaver is supposed to be a reincarnation of man, put back on earth to expiate past of fences by work, and in some of the earliest drawings it is depicted with the face of a man. And when we consider his extraordinary intelligence and skill as woodcutter, engineer (dam and canal maker), house builder and food storer the notion does not seem at all farfetched. Describing the canals which the animals make by scooping out the earth with their hands, A. H. Steen castle, the fortress palace of the former counts of Antwerp, break the center of the line of docks and look as if great fairs which during the middle ages served to attract merchants from all parts of the civilized world.—London Standard.

"It might be presumed that these canals are only run through level country, but here is the greatest evidence of the engineering ability of the beaver. They build their canals uphill by means of weirs or dams, the distance between them varying according to the gradient. Yet they never work uphill unless it is made absolutely necessary by the contour of the land. The width of these canals is usually about three feet, with a depth from one to three feet, seldom deeper except when small pools are made, evidently with the idea of providing a hiding place in the event of danger. The direction of the canals never necessarily be variable. Where ever conditions are favorable they are as straight as though laid out by human engineers, but when there is any advantage to be gained by curves they make curves."

### About Dry Goods Mainly.

"Before we were married, Tom, you used to drink in every word I said to you."

"Yes, but your conversation has become so dry now that I can't drink it in."—Boston Traveler.

### Pyramid of Cheops.

The largest single building structure in the world is the Pyramid of Cheops, in Egypt. This famous pile contains over 82,000,000 cubic feet of masonry and is by far the most massive of man's buildings.

### MANY USES FOR GUNS.

They Have Even Been the Means at Times of Saving Lives.

Guns would not go even if warfare were abolished. For example, the signal gun of a ship is used to announce her arrival on a coast. It would be difficult to find an equally effective substitute. The 1 o'clock gun, too, which is fired by electricity from Greenwich observatory, is the most effective means possible of announcing the exact time to surrounding towns, while nothing more impressive could be found than the minute guns fired for public mourning and the salute given on occasions of public rejoicings.

Guns save lives as well as take them. In desert countries, where it is difficult to collect water out of a mere dampness of sand, gun barrels are often sunk into the ground. By this means moisture is collected in the bore and many lives have been preserved by a timely draw at the muzzle.

A slaver, captured with a crew of slaves in the tropics, was once put in charge of a prize crew. During the voyage water ran out and slaves, slavers and prize crew were all dying of thirst. Then a sergeant hit on a brilliant idea. Taking all the available gun barrels, he plugged up the breach ends of a few of them, filled their bores with sea water and set them end up among the coils of the galley fire. Then as the steam rose he ran it through the other gun barrels till it cooled. The cooling steam collected in the shape of excellent fresh water and by this means scores of lives were saved.—Pearson's Weekly.

### SUBLIME SIMPLICITY.

The Epitaph Over Sir Henry Lawrence, the Lucknow Hero.

There is a simple tomb in Lucknow, in India, that cost no more than many a plain farmer's gravestone in our rural burying places, but Clarence Poe declares that it impressed him more than anything else he saw in India except the Himalayas, the Taj Mahal and the view of Benares from the river.

It is the tomb of the heroic Sir Henry Lawrence, who died so glorious a death in the great mutiny of 1857. No commander in all India had planned more wisely for the defense of the men and women under his care, but the siege had only begun when he was mortally wounded. He called his successor and his associates to him, and at last, having omitted no detail of counsel or information that might enable them to carry out his farseeing plans, he roused himself to dictate his own immortal epitaph:

Here Lies Henry Lawrence, Who Tried to Do His Duty.

May the Lord Have Mercy on His Soul.

And so today these lines, sublime in their simplicity, mark his last resting place, and you feel that not even the great Akbar in Secundra or Napoleon in Paris has a worthier monument.—Youth's Companion.

### The Pollack Tree.

Natives of British Honduras find that nature has provided them with splendid material for pillows and mattresses in the pollack tree. It is a common soft wood growth, with a large pear shaped fruit, which has a hard shell, changing to almost black when ripe, and contains a short staple brown fluff or silk fiber. The fluff is about a quarter of an inch long, more like the finest of camel's hair than fiber, and is used extensively for filling pillows and mattresses. It will not lump, even after years of service. The natives occasionally expose it to the sunlight for a day or two and put it back again as good as ever.

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