

BETRAYED BY HIS HAND.

Lightning's Victim Recognized by the Man Who Had Been Robbed. Charles E. Thorpe from Oregon, formerly a business man of Philadelphia, called at the Progress office. Said he: "I happened to take a seat in the car just behind a plump, well-dressed, good-looking colored man. There was nothing unusual about that circumstance, however, and I would probably never have noticed whether I sat behind a colored or white man but for a little event of no greater consequence than the colored man's placing his hand upon the back of the seat in which he sat. The train had nearly reached Tucson when the colored man happened to throw his right arm over the back of the seat, with his hand in plain view, and I was almost thunderstruck at what I saw. I could scarcely believe my eyes and eagerly leaned forward to get a closer look at the hand and the man. I was not the victim of an optical illusion. I satisfied myself that there was no mistake. The third and fourth fingers of the colored man's hand were as white as a lady's, and a white streak over an inch wide ran along the side of his hand and up his arm as far as I could see. "I was sure I had seen that hand before. I went to the front end of the car after a drink of water simply that I might get a look at the man's face. Every doubt was then removed. He was George Waldron, the man who had been my coachman in Philadelphia for over 3 years some 20 years ago. Though I paid him well for his services, in an evil hour he stole over \$300 from me and fled to parts unknown. I never made any effort to find him outside of the city and had never seen or heard of him until that day. When I faced him, he recognized me and fairly blushed through his black skin at the recollection of his crime and ingratitude. He told me that he is now living an honest life in Texas, where he has a family and home and a small tract of land. "But he has the mark of Cain the whole length of his arm," continued Mr. Thorpe, "and he got it by striking me with a brick. I don't think I have read stories of similar cases, I don't believe there is another man in the world marked in the same way that Waldron is. My house was on a hill and he was standing in a barn during a severe thunderstorm, with his right hand upraised and resting against the side of the building, when lightning struck the barn on the side where he was and passed down his arm and body and through the floor. It burned his clothing wherever it touched his body and tore the skin from his right foot and threw it nearly across the barn. "Of course the shock knocked him down and rendered him insensible for a moment, though he suffered no lasting injury. But if there ever was a scared dandy like he was the one. He was too frightened to pray, and he looks half scared even now. He will always bear on his right side, from the tips of his two outside fingers, which were next to the lightning, to the sole of his foot, the white streak which marks the track of that flash of lightning."—Domina (Cal.) Progress.

BABY AND HIS CAT.

The Unwonted Sight Which Attracted All Eyes on a crowded street. The sidewalk was filled with hurrying people. Three peddlers stood on the curb with shoelaces, another with candy, another with gold paint. Neither looked as if he expected to sell anything. Nobody paid the slightest attention to them. A man without legs came stumbling over the sidewalk. People merely looked out of their eyes and passed on. A man in a long, baggy frock, dressed in outlandish garments, advertising a patent medicine, Nobody looked twice at him. An old woman whose tangled gray hairs were blown in the wind shuffled feebly along, and nobody saw her. A pair of Chinese, an Italian woman dressed as for a fête, a negro nearly 7 feet in height, a Turk, swaddled in turban and baggy trousers, a drunken woman, a man with locomotor ataxia—all passed within a few minutes, and nobody stopped even for a moment to look at anybody else, except the beggars, and they were utterly disregarded. Then appeared from somewhere, as if out of a hole in the ground, a child about 2 years old, ragged and smeared as to its hands with mud and as to its face with traces of bread and molasses, besides plain dirt. Its hair was tumbled, and its large blue eyes were fixed straight ahead with all that sweet unconsciousness of childhood written in its face. One foot that gripped the loose skin at the nape, the other grasped its firmly over the hind quarters. Each particular leg of the cat stuck out straight and rigid. Each claw showed its shining curve. The cat did not appear to be uncomfortable, and the child was gloriously unconscious of everything but its own baby thoughts. The child was so young that it went on steadily tottering down the middle of the sidewalk, with the cat held up in front of it like a drum major's staff. The crowd, which had not appeared to be particularly interested in the child, now came running and snatched up the young explorer (still holding on bravely to the cat) in person in the crowd looked sheepish and hurried away.—New York Times.

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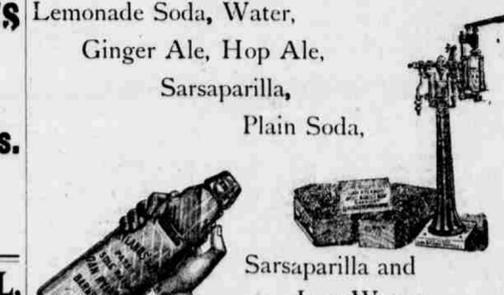
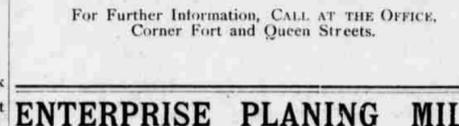
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It Didn't Work.

"What can I do for you?" he asked of the caller. "I came to collect for the ventilating fan we put in for you." "Oh—er—I see. I'm sorry, but we aren't cashing any drafts at present."—Washington Star.

Old Heads.

Visitor—How old are you, Molly? Molly—I am going on 10 years. "Is that so? I thought you were younger than that." "Come, now, you are trying to flatter me for some purpose or other."—Texas Siftings.

Thought Well of Them.

"Now, Mrs. Brown," said the broker, "how shall we invest this money for you?" "I don't know," said the lady. "What do you think of those fluctuating stocks? I understand a great deal of money is made in them."—Harper's Bazar.

Our Household Pets.

The custom of having household pets among the lower animals is as old as the human race and the domestic animals themselves. They serve as interesting studies in natural history; they are good objects of affection for children in thoughtful kindness and patience and are safety valves for superabundant affection. The dog ranks foremost because of his naturally domestic and unobtrusive nature rather than his superior intelligence to some other animals and some birds. The dog not only becomes an actual member of the family, but so frequently he becomes its autocrat, governing it with a rod of iron, making his own tastes and conveniences paramount to other considerations that he becomes a nuisance to all but his dotting mistress.

The Cat is Far Less Obtrusive.

The cat is far less obtrusive in its manners, and, the student of animals declares, no white less intelligent or affectionate. It is a quiet, self-contained, little beast with a shrewd lack of confidence in the intentions of its human sponsors which renders one of the business man's maxims, "Believe everybody a liar till he has proved himself otherwise." Integrity of motive can scarcely be proved to the permanent satisfaction of a cat, but while there is no attempt at departure from the usual routine of life it will display a superficial truthfulness and affection really quite touching.—Philadelphia Press.

A Fifty Years' Tryst.

Dr. Nevins tells a very touching story in his "Disorders of the Brain." A patient of his, a young lady engaged to be married, was often visited by her intended husband by the stagecoach, which passed within a mile or two of her house. One day she went to meet him and found instead an old friend, who brought the news of his sudden death. She uttered a frightful scream. "He is dead!" and then all consciousness of 50 years did this poor creature in all seasons journey to the spot where she expected to see her lover alight from the coach, and day by day she uttered in a plaintive tone: "He is not come yet. I will return tomorrow." Could anything be sadder than this romance from a doctor's notebook?

He Struck Water.

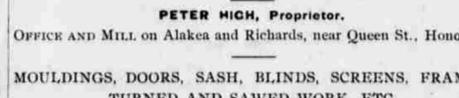
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