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Explosives Confined and Unconfined.

There is a widespread misapprehension in regard to the devastating effect of high explosives. When unconfined the effect even of large charges of them upon structures is comparatively slight. At the naval ordnance proving ground, so long ago as 1884, repeated charges of dynamite, varying from five pounds to 100 pounds in weight, were detonated on the face of a vertical target consisting of eleven one-inch wrought-iron plates bolted to a twenty-inch oak backing, until 440 pounds of dynamite had been so detonated in contact with it, and yet the target remained practically uninjured, while at Braamfontein the accidental explosion of fifty-five tons of blasting gelatin, which was stored in railway vans excavated but 30,000 tons of soft earth. Thus at Fort Lee, on the Hudson, but two tons of dynamite placed in a chamber in the rock and tamped brought down 100,000 tons of the rock; at Lamberis, Wales, two tons and a half of gelatin dynamite, similarly placed, threw out 180,000 tons of rock, and at the Talcan Mawr, in Wales, seven tons of gunpowder placed in two chambers in the rock dislodged from 125,000 to 200,000 tons of rock.

The Ages of Men.

A great man does not always attain a ripe old age; in fact, hardly half of the greatest men of modern and ancient times have reached the limit of age set by the Bible. Among statesmen: Mirabeau was 42; Pitt, 47; Caesar, 55; Richelieu, 57; Cromwell, 59; Frederick the Great, 74; Disraeli, 75; Bismarck, 83; Talleyrand, 84. Of great conquerors: Alexander the Great died at 32; Napoleon at 51; Hannibal at 76, Wellington at 83, Xenophon at 86, Moltke at 91. The age of the decease of philosophers was: Spinoza, 44; Descartes, 53; Aristotle, 62; Socrates, 68; Linnaeus, 70; Copernicus, 70; Galileo, 78; Kant, 79; Plato, 82; Newton, 84; Humboldt, 89. The longevity of great writers, poets, varies from Byron, 36, to Sophocles, 90. To painters death came at ages varying from Raphael at 37, to Titian.

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody. Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn raised over \$27,000 for missions during the year.

The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year.

The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of \$38,000, of which \$17,000 is from pew rents.

The annual council of the South African churches was held at Graaf Reinet, and owing to the preoccupations of the war, only thirty-eight delegates attended.

Since his resignation from the Church of the Pilgrims relief from care has been conducted to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

WORRY AND GRAY HAIR.

When Black Becomes White in a Few Days.

Many persons are in the habit of taking stories of "hair turned white in a single night" with the traditional pinch of salt. As a matter of fact, there are numerous cases on record of fright or weird experience bleaching a man's raven locks. In battle not a few soldiers have experienced the odd and unpleasant sensation of finding that within the course of a few days their raven or auburn "thatchers" have become white as the driven snow. Sir H. M. Stanley entered upon his great march across Africa with jet-black hair. He emerged from his series of adventures in appearance twenty years or more older and with hair bleached pure white. It took nine years of anxious war correspondence and exciting experiences to bleach the hair of the late veteran "special," Archibald Forbes. But in not a few cases has the strange transformation come suddenly. There are some who insist they have reason to know that in those last terrible days at Khar-toum the hair of valiant Gen. Gordon went snow-white! More authentic is the case of a young lieutenant, whose red locks were suddenly streaked with white on the eve of his first battle, which was against the Zulus in '79. A commissionaire in a London bank tells how his hair was changed from brown to iron-gray within a week as a result of his galling experiences during the Indian mutiny. One of the most eminent French generals became an old man, in appearance at any rate, when he was but 22, after taking part in one of the most sanguinary battles in the Franco-Prussian war. And there are several cases, authenticated by officers and surgeons, of Crimean soldiers whose hair changed color during that trying campaign.—Tit-Bits.

JOURNEYS THROUGH THE AIR.

Some Very Exciting Balloon Adventures on Record.

One of the saddest of modern balloon tragedies was that in which Mr. Walter Powell of Malmesbury and a member of the house of commons lost his life. Mr. Powell, accompanied by Capt. Templar, ascended from Bath in the war balloon "Saladin." At Bridport the machine descended suddenly, and Capt. Templar was thrown out and severely injured. Before it could be secured, the "Saladin" rose swiftly again, carrying its unconscious occupant—Mr. Powell—with it. For many weeks the fate of the M. P. was veiled in mystery, and it was surmised he had fallen into the sea and was drowned. Fragments of a wrecked balloon were found on the outskirts of Spain some months afterwards, but whether it was the unfortunate "Saladin" was not proved. In 1808 two Parisians had a dispute, and they decided to adjust it by a duel. Not content with the ordinary method of settling quarrels, a novel idea was ventilated and adopted. They obtained a pair of large balloons, and each man, accompanied by his seconds, entered one of the aerial chariots. When they had attained a height of 1,000 feet from the ground, and at a signal from the seconds, the combatants were to fire at each other with blunderbusses of formidable dimensions. After two or three shots had been fired one of them managed to put a hole through the balloon of his adversary. The silk covering was torn open, and the duellist, together with his seconds, was dashed to pieces on the roofs of the houses below. The other balloon sailed on, and came down some hours later in a field many miles from where it ascended.

Color Sergeant Wanted Boots.

Some fifty years ago Sir Harry Smith, after whose wife Lady Smith is named, was governor of the Cape Colony, and mainly responsible for quelling the Kaffir rebellions on the eastern frontier of the Cape. After one of these arduous campaigns, his troops returned to Cape Town in a terribly impoverished condition, as regarded their outfit—torn tunics, battered helmets, ragged trousers—many of them without boots. They were paraded for Sir Harry's inspection, who congratulated them on their gallant conduct, their smart and soldier-like appearance, etc. This proved too much for an old color-sergeant, very much down at heel, and an old favorite of the general: "Stepping forward from the ranks, he respectfully saluted Sir Harry, and said: "Begging your pardon, Sir 'Arry, we don't want no gammon; we wants boots!"—Rochester Post-Express.

Pauperism in London.

The very latest statistics on London pauperism are not encouraging. A review of the last twelve months shows that although for four successive years the British metropolis has experienced good trade and open winters, there was no great diminution in the number seeking relief under the poor law. On the other hand, for the first four months the mass of pauperism was greater than it was for the same period of 1898, and stood at a higher figure than in more than half of the previous 42 years during which a record has been kept.

Butterfly Parasols.

One simply can't find anything more delicate and fetching than the butterfly parasol. A beauty which a lucky belle will carry is of silk with four exquisite butterflies embroidered on every other gore. And such butterflies as they were! Lovely, large creatures, embroidered in more pastel tints than one dreamed existed, and seemingly ready to take flight at the faintest move. But they can't. They must continue to adorn Beauty's sunshade.

WHEN DUELS WERE FOUGHT.

Death of a Man Who Was a Maker of Coats-of-Mail.

"About two years ago," said a business man to a New Orleans Times-Democrat reporter, "there died" at the Charity hospital an eccentric old German who once upon a time followed the queerest trade in the world. He was a maker of coats of mail. Long before the war he had a little jewelry shop on the north side of Canal street and the coat of mail business was a sort of private side line. The armor he made was composed of small links of very hard steel, woven together so compactly that one could not thrust even a pin through the interstices, and it was said that the "coats" would turn either a knife or a bullet. They were fashioned something like a sleeveless undershirt, and were intended to be worn immediately beneath the outside garments. In those days the use of such devices was popularly attributed to fellows who wanted to secure an unfair advantage in duelling and the reputation of wearing one under any circumstances was fatal to a reputation for courage. Consequently the old German didn't go to any pains to exploit his business and his customers must have come to him through many devious channels. I knew the old chap quite well when I was a boy, and I have often seen him putting the mail together in his little back room. He got the links from Germany, and they came in long single strand chains, which he fastened together at the edges with small steel rings, thus building up a fabric, like knitting a stocking. The coats were made over a wooden form, shaped like a man's torso, and were astonishingly light. After the war broke out a good many men bought them openly, as a legitimate protection, and for a while the old man had more business than he could attend to."

A DEPARTED SPIRIT

Attends His Own Funeral and Thanks His Friends.

Of peculiar interest were the funeral services of Gerry Valentine. Mr. Valentine was one of the early settlers of this place, and was more than 80 years old. He was an ardent Spiritualist, and when he died he left directions for his funeral, which were intended to be a practical demonstration of his belief. The services were held in the Universalist church. The preacher was Samuel Wheeler, a noted Spiritualist of Philadelphia, and he chose "The Rainbow Bridge" as his subject. Then the meeting was given over into the hands of Mrs. Minnie Brown, a clairvoyant from Philadelphia. Immediately after Mrs. Brown had taken her position several raps were heard. "Our brother has a message for Cyrus F. Osgood," said the medium. "He wishes to thank Mr. Osgood and the others for their care in carrying out his wishes in regard to his funeral ceremonies." Mrs. Brown then gave the information that Mr. Valentine was not alone, but that J. O. Ransome, Mr. Parkhurst and Mr. Wyatt, former friends of the dead man, had accompanied him on his "little journey in the world." Several other shades of departed Spiritualists had come with them. They reported that they had made things homelike for Mr. Valentine, and gave messages to the friends of the latter which were intended to cheer and comfort them. The announcements were hailed by the many Spiritualists in the audience with pleasure, and after a few more congratulatory raps Mr. Valentine's spirit and its companions rapped "Adieu."—Hamamton (N. J.) Special New York Herald.

Grave Filling Device.

A device for use in constructing graves, the invention of Henry D. Cameron, of Burlington, Iowa, is designed to fill the grave with earth after the coffin has been lowered, and to conceal as far as possible the actual throwing of the dirt upon the coffin, the most trying termination of the grave ceremony to the bereaved mourners. It consists of a receptacle, with detachable sides and bottom, and a gate in the latter so arranged as to be capable of being opened to allow the contents to fall. The front is a flexible curtain, extending from the top to the gate, and designed to prevent the earth within from being seen. This receptacle is filled with earth previous to the ceremony and carried to a convenient point. When all is over and the grave is to be filled, the receptacle is placed over it, and the gates opened, thus gently closing the last sad scene in a much more fitting manner than the seemingly cold-hearted return of the earth with a spade.

Preacher Wants No Discounts.

Rev. Mr. Arthur Creasy of Oswego, Kan., said in a recent sermon: "The world's need is Christian manliness. Knowing this I shall no longer ride on railroads for half fare; what is good enough for you is good enough for me. Please do not discount goods to me because I am a preacher. I ought to pay my taxes, and my church should not be exempt. Christ did not borrow, beg, beseech His bread; He bought it like other men. If I am His follower I will pay my way as He did. Dear friends, for four long years your hearty support and the prompt kindness of your treasurer have enabled me to do business on a cash basis. I fear none; but stand in the power of my manhood alone."

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