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March 8, 1897. *Samuel Pitcher, M.D.*

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PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. W. W. Raff, Pastor. Preaching second Sundays at 11 a. m., and at Kelly at 7 p. m. Third Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m., and at May's Chapel at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7 p. m.

METHODIST.—I. P. Martin, Pastor. Preaching on first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., on second and fourth at 7:45 p. m., Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m., Epworth League meeting each Monday night, Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., Woman's Missionary Society first Sunday at 3 p. m., Ladies Aid first Friday at 3 p. m.

BAPTIST.—Rev. W. C. Foster, Pastor. Preaching on 1st and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m., 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:00 p. m., Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7:00 p. m., Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m., B. Y. P. U., every Monday at 7:00 p. m., Sunbeam Society on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 3:00 p. m., Woman's Missionary Society on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:00 p. m.

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FOILED.

The Gentlemanly Highwayman Was a Bicycle Fiend.
"I'll trouble you for your little wad, if you please!"
The footpad was polite, but insistent. The luckless pedestrian looked up and down the dimly lighted street, but nobody else was in sight.
"It will not do you any good, my dear friend," said the gentlemanly highwayman, still holding a revolver pointed in a most threatening manner at the other's head. "The nearest saloon is half a mile away, and the distance to the nearest policeman is exactly the same. You and I have the locality entirely to ourselves. Wherefore?"—and he gave the trigger an ominous little click—"there is no occasion for prolonging this interview. Proceed!"

"I see you've got the drop on me all right enough," said the victim, grumblingly, "and all I'm kicking myself about is that I didn't need to lose my roll. I could just as well have left it at home this evening. If you'll put your fingers in my right vest pocket you'll find \$9, more or less. It's all I've got about me, and I was going to spend it to-morrow for a new set of tires for my bicycle."
"What kind of tires?" sternly demanded the footpad.
"The Fladger & Skimmerhorn Punctureless Anti-Sidelip."
"Can you get that for \$9?"
"I know where I can get it for a shade less than \$9."
"Great Scott, old man! You keep your little wad and go and buy that tire. Say, do you know that's the best tire on earth? Why, darn it, I ride the Fladger & Skimmerhorn myself. Shake!"

If this should meet the eye of the gentlemanly highwayman he will learn that an outrageous confidence game was played upon him.
The belated pedestrian whom he met on that occasion uses the Jingo & Shabb Extra Resilient bicycle tire, and has no use for any other kind.

But he happened to see by the light of a street lamp that the gentlemanly highwayman wore a Fladger & Skimmerhorn button in the lapel of his coat.
Furthermore, he had \$67.50 in another pocket.

Preparing for the Worst.



Mrs. Clancy (as Mike starts for the front to fight Spain)—Take this umbrella, darling. Do papers do be sayin' as it's rainin' bullets at do front, an' yez musn't git cold!

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GUN-COTTON.

SAFEST OF THE HIGH EXPLOSIVES FOR NAVAL WARFARE.

Something About Its Qualities and the Way in Which It is Made—Precautions to Make It Non-Explosive in the Ship's Magazine—A Remarkable Discovery.

"Gun-cotton," said an ordnance officer a few days ago, when asked about the qualities of this substance which is used in the torpedoes carried by the ships of the Navy, "is by far the safest of any of the high explosives. That is the reason it is chosen instead of the nitro-glycerine preparations, which, although they will produce more powerful effects, are very dangerous things to have on shipboard. They can be exploded too easily, by the application of heat, by a shock, and, under some conditions, by spontaneous combustion. But the gun-cotton, as long as it is kept wet, is absolutely safe, and there is no trouble about preserving the necessary degree of moisture."

Precisely the same opinion regarding gun-cotton as an explosive for naval warfare was expressed by the superintendent of one of the largest powder manufacturing firms, a man who has had much experience in the making of gun-powder and gun-cotton.

"Not only is gun-cotton absolutely inert and harmless so long as it is wet," he said, "but it does not necessarily follow that it will explode even when dry. Of course, it is then much more liable to do so, but if it is undisturbed in any way a considerable quantity of it might remain dry without any accident. In our works we are extremely careful about the way in which we handle dry gun-cotton, but there is no need of any precautions when it is wet. On shipboard the disks of dry cotton which are used as primers to detonate the wet are always kept away from the magazines, either on deck or in one of the cabins. The only danger from them would be in case they were dropped while being handled. The result then would not always—perhaps not usually—be an explosion, but you never can tell with certainty. One of the disks might be dropped half a dozen times and not explode, and the next time, under apparently the same conditions, it would go off."

The process by which so common and harmless a substance as cotton is converted into a high explosive is a comparatively simple one. Pure raw cotton or ordinary cotton waste is steeped in a solution of one part of nitric acid and three parts of sulphuric acid. The nitric acid is the one which renders the cotton explosive, the presence of the sulphuric being required only to absorb the water, thus allowing the other acid to combine more readily with the nearly pure cellulose of which cotton consists. After the cotton has soaked in the acids for several hours, it is taken from the pots and squeezed through heavy rollers to extract all the superfluous acid which it has not absorbed. Then it is washed carefully and thoroughly, still with the same object of removing the free acid.

It is now passed through a machine similar to that which grinds up the rags in a paper-mill. Here it is crushed thoroughly and afterward washed again until the last trace of free acid disappears, and the cotton comes out in the form of a soft, white pulp, closely resembling the pulp of which paper is made. This concludes the process of actual manufacture, and it now remains only to convert the gun-cotton into the most convenient form for the use to which it is to be put. If it is to be employed in making powder, it is dried and stored away in pulverized form, but if it is designed for filling torpedoes it must be compressed to a certain density and moulded into the shapes which will be enable it to be packed into the torpedo heads. If un-compressed and dry, the gun-cotton is extremely light, weighing no more than ordinary cotton batting. So safe from explosion, unless detonated, is a brick of wet gun-cotton, that it may be placed upon hot coals. As the moisture dries off from the outside, the cotton flakes off and burns up quietly.

British Army Surgeons.
Although the pay is liberal and the military rank substantial in the army medical department of the British service, it is found difficult to get army doctors, says an exchange. At present, the establishment only numbers 810, while, in spite of the lowering of the standard by abolishing the rule that those who have already failed twice at the entrance examination shall not be permitted to compete again, there has been an insufficient number of candidates for the advertised vacancies of the present year. This does not refer to the army medical service in India, but to the home service. The whole matter is being very freely discussed in the English papers.

A Nobleman in Exile.
Philadelphia boasts of a teacher of noble blood, Count Antanas Alexandrowicz Joci, who has charge of one of the night schools. He is a Lithuanian. While a student in the University of St. Petersburg he was arrested for sedition and sentenced to exile in Siberia. He escaped, was captured again, and escaped again after a desperate fight, and, after conducting a Liberal paper in Tilsit, Germany, finally came to Philadelphia.

An Electric Rat-Trap.
A small piece of cheese and an electric wire form the latest rat-trap. The cheese is fixed to the wire, and the instant the rat touches the cheese he receives a shock which kills him.

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Serious results often follow a strain, especially when it affects the back, and few people are so liable to strain as those who are lifting heavy loads of various kinds, from day to day. The teamster rarely ever overtaxes his strength. Familiarity with the class of work he does lifts so as not to put an excessive burden on himself. But with the farmer it is different. He is lifting loads of such varying weights and under such varying conditions that he is very liable to lift a little too much some day, with injurious results. Many serious affections of the great organs of the body originate in a strain. It was so in the case of H. R. W. Bentley, of Towner, North Dakota. A strain resulted in serious trouble with the liver. He could not recover, and was enabled to feed seventy head of stock during the winter, let him tell himself!

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—H. R. W. BENTLEY, Towner, N. D.

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