

### Commander of Germans Fighting Russia



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### NERVES AND WATCHES.

When They Don't Agree There Is Sure to Be Poor Time.

One of the troubles of watchmakers is the man who gets on his watch's nerves. There are lots of customers on whom a good watch is wasted. A good second hand watch that has kept perfect time for other people will with certain other people go irregularly when it is not standing still. It is common knowledge in the trade that watches are greatly influenced by their owners.

Nobody knows the reason, but two explanations have been offered. One is that watches are sensitive to personal magnetism, the natural electricity that human beings contain in varying quantities.

The other is that a watch may be disturbed by the vibrations set up by a footstep which is heavier than the ordinary. The man who puts his heels down heavily usually needs to set the regulator toward slow to keep it from gaining.

One of the mysterious sides of the subject is that watches seldom keep good time on people of nervous, excitable temperaments.—Pearson's Weekly.

### Gestures Part of Talk.

There is a man who from a very early age has lived in countries where Spanish is the almost universal tongue. From force of this training he speaks Spanish perfectly. He has not the slightest trace of an English accent, and persons who do not know that he is of American parentage are willing to believe he is a Spaniard merely from hearing him talk. He is so perfectly bilingual that it shows even in his gestures. When talking with English speaking persons he sits quietly and does his conversing with his mouth alone. Only in case of making a point most emphatically does he use a gesture. But the moment he drops into Spanish his every word is accompanied by a movement of the hands or arms. It is interesting to watch the change from the English to the Spanish side of him, because it comes so suddenly. He really can't speak Spanish without gesturing.—New York Sun.

### Training a Dog.

It may surprise some people to be told that dogs have a strong sense of justice, so, unless you want your pup to gain a poor opinion of you, be careful when you punish him. Never punish unless the pup can associate the punishment with the offense. The circumstantial evidence may be very strong, but you had better wait and catch him in the act. Common sense is about all that is required to rear a puppy into a dog which will be a faithful, useful, steadfast companion—common sense and consideration. Whenever I find one of those "anything will do for the pup" kind of people I can see in my mind's eye what the humans in that family look like.—Outing.

### A Unique Cross.

In the heart of the Rocky mountains may be seen the Mountain of the Holy Cross, which is 14,000 feet in height. It derives its name from a gigantic cross on one side, near the summit, formed by fissures in the rock. It can be seen for many miles with great distinctness and is looked upon with superstitious fear by the natives.—Exchange.

### All Right.

"That girl's all right," said the blond girl in the dressing room after she had looked everywhere for her overshoes. "The one who has just left, she's gone off with both the right overshoes and left me the left ones."—New York Times.

### His Mistake.

"I cannot live without you!" "You have evidently got me confused with my cousin. It is she who is wealthy."—Houston Post.

### The Drummer.

"I sometimes think," remarked the regular patron, "that the snare drummer should be the best musician in the theater orchestra." "He usually is," said the drummer.—Chicago Tribune.

## ENGLISH TROOPS LANDING IN FRANCE.

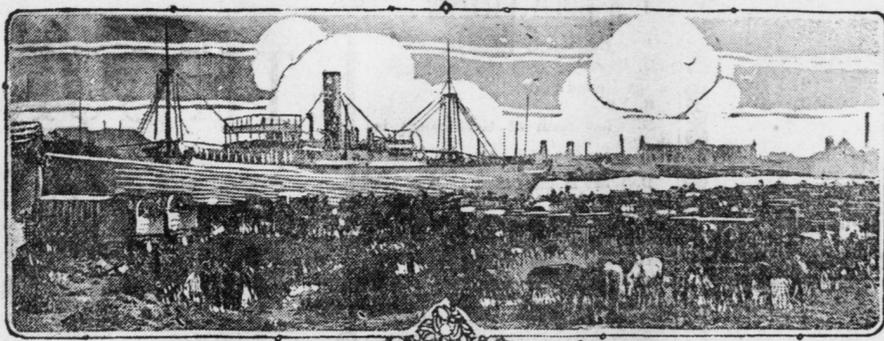


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It was a soulful night, and they sat together in the parlor. The following conversation was going on:

He—I gave you that parrot as a birthday present, did I not, Matilda? She—Yes; but surely, Albert, you are not going to speak of your gifts as if— He—It was young and speechless at the time? She—Yes (with increasing wonder), and it has never been out of this parlor. He—There are no other young ladies in this house? She—No, there are not. He—Then why—why, when I kissed your photograph in your album while waiting for you did that wretched bird imitate your voice and say, "Don't do that, Charlie please don't!"—Exchange.

### Washington's Farewell Address.

Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, I conjure you to believe me, fellow citizens, the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none or a remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combinations and collusions of her friendships or enmities.

### Wallack on the Ballet.

The late Lester Wallack once told a story of his still more famous father, James W., that as either an actor or a manager he could never tolerate the ballet.

One day there came to him a friend, a man about town, who said, "My dear Wallack, it is very curious that you do not see the beauties of imagination shown by the poses of the ballet." Going on in this strain, the visitor at last wore out the patience of the actor-manager, who replied:

"Look here, it is bad enough to stand these absurdities in an opera; but though I can comprehend people singing their joys, I am hanged if I can their dancing their griefs."

## LOCOMOTIVES WRECKED TO BLOCK TRACKS.



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The Belgians sent several locomotives at full speed toward the German lines at Malines. The locomotives were wrecked, and the tracks were blocked for hours.

### Curious Laws in India.

Some of the old laws of Nepal, India, were curious. Killing cows ranked with murder as a capital offense, for instance. Every girl at birth was married with great ceremony to a betel fruit, which was then cast into a sacred stream. As the fate of the fruit was uncertain, the girl was supposed never to become a widow. To obtain divorce from a husband a wife had only to place a betel nut under his pillow and depart.

In Nepal the day is considered to begin when it is light enough to count the tiles on the roof or distinguish the hairs on a man's hand against the sky.—Exchange.

### A Curious Superstition.

Many Greeks firmly believe to this day in a curious heathen notion, which holds that the fate of every child is controlled entirely by three mysterious spirits, who are spoken of collectively as the "moral." These three "fates" are supposed to be invisible women, who come on a visit of inspection shortly after the birth of each child. They always come after sundown, says the superstition, and the Greek parents when a newly born baby is in the house and a visit from the "moral" is expected carefully leave the door open and lay a feast and money offerings all ready for the "fates" when they should arrive.

### Lithium.

Pure lithium, which is the lightest metal known, has at present no practical use.

### The Word Magnet.

Magnet is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, where the properties of the lodestone are said to have been discovered. It has, however, been asserted that the name comes from Magnes, the name of a shepherd who discovered magnetic power by being held on Mount Ida, in Greece, by its attraction for the nails in his shoes.

### Laughed and Won.

When the British were storming Badajoz the Duke of Wellington rode up and, observing an artilleryman particularly active, inquired the man's name. He was answered "Taylor."

"A very good name too," said the duke. "Cheer up, my men! Our Taylor will soon make a pair of breaches in the walls!"

At this rally the men forgot their danger, a burst of laughter broke from them and the next charge carried the fortress.—London Answers.

### Always Apprehensive.

"My wife gets nothing but apprehension out of life."

"How so?"

"She's afraid of cows in the country and automobiles in town."—Kansas City Journal.

### Capitals and Armies.

Twice the United States has lost its capital to a foreign foe, but neither time did it produce much effect upon the war. The first time was when Howe's redcoats swept into Philadelphia after the battle of Brandywine. The other occasion was when another British army seized and burned Washington. What Howe needed to end the war in 1777 was not Philadelphia, but Washington's army, and that he didn't get. A country's army is worth a dozen capitals. The British captured America's three largest cities, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, but that availed them little in the long run.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Sandalwood Trees.

Sandalwood trees in India are generally found at an altitude of 2,000 to 3,000 feet.

### The Atmosphere and Beyond.

At what altitude above the earth would the atmosphere become too thin to breathe or to support life? What is beyond the atmosphere? asks a correspondent of the Indianapolis News, which replies:

"The height of the atmosphere has been variously estimated at from forty-five to a hundred miles, but with constantly increasing thinness. The comparatively short duration of twilight, which depends upon the atmospheric reflection of the light of the sun from below the horizon, shows that the atmosphere extends only a limited distance above the earth, and the difficulty of mountain climbers and aeronauts in breathing increases quite rapidly as one rises above sea level. The exact height at which the atmosphere would cease to support life cannot be stated, but judging from the effects experienced by air explorers, it is not many miles from the earth. As to what exists beyond the atmosphere science offers no solution beyond the vague terms space and ether."

### When Matches Were Introduced.

The Atlas, a London newspaper, published on Jan. 10, 1830, the following paragraph under the head of "Instantaneous Light": "Among the different methods invented for obtaining light instantaneously ought certainly to be recorded that of Mr. Walker, chemist, Stockton-on-Tees. He supplies the purchaser with prepared matches, which are put into boxes, but are not liable to change in the atmosphere, and also with a piece of fine glass paper folded in two. Even a strong blow will not inflame the matches, because of the softness of the wood underneath, or does rubbing upon wood or any common substance produce any effect except that of spoiling the match. But when one is pinched between the folds of the glass paper and suddenly drawn out it is instantly inflamed. Mr. Walker does not make them for extensive sale, but only to supply the small demand in his own neighborhood."

### Last Wish of a Poet.

I wish to lie on the north side of the churchyard about the middle of the ground, where the morning and evening sun can linger the longest on my grave. I wish to have a rough, unheaven stone, something in the form of a milestone, so that the playing boys may not break it in their heedless pastimes, with nothing more on it than this inscription: "Here rest the hopes and ashes of John Clare." I desire that no date be inscribed thereon, as I wish it to live or die with my poems and other writings, which, if they have merit, with posterity it will, and if they have not it is not worth preserving.—John Clare, 1864.

## LAW OF GRAVITY VIOLATED.

Conditions Under Which Water Actually Flows Upward.

There are conditions under which water actually flows upward and rises above its source. If a glass tube be dipped into water the column inside will be above the level of the surrounding surface. Moreover, if a tube of half the diameter be substituted the column doubles its height. The water creeps along the inside of the tube, owing to the adhesion, and forms a cup shaped depression at the top.

An explanation is not difficult. It can be proved mathematically that if the diameter of a circle be diminished one-half the circumference is also reduced to that extent, while the area is one-fourth of its former value. The circumference of the column of water being reduced one-half, its contact with the glass, and hence the adhesive force, is also diminished to that extent, while the cross section, and hence the weight, is decreased to a fourth of what it was before. Therefore the second column can be twice the height of the first without exceeding the lifting power.

Remarkable as the underlying principles of this phenomenon undoubtedly are, nature made use of them long before man made their discovery. Every tree and flower adds its testimony. The core of a tree or plant, instead of being a single open channel, consists of a spongelike substance containing many miniature tunnels through which the sap and moisture collected by the roots flow upward in small rivulets, rising higher and higher in sheer defiance of the great law of gravity.—St. Louis Republic.

### No, Indeed.

Misfortune is no respecter of persons, and neither is fortune, for the matter of that.—Chicago News.

### The Mystic Canine.

A barrister once opened his cross examination of a handwriting expert by asking, "Where is the dog?" "What dog?" said the astonished witness.

"The dog," replied the tormentor, "which the judge at the last assizes said he would not hang on your gr."

## To the Wholesaler.

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### Edison and the Bee.

It is recorded that Thomas A. Edison, after watching the tremendous energy of a busy and noisy little bee, remarked: "A real plane, a heavier than air machine of great weight, can be built as soon as we obtain something that beats the air at the rate of 200 times a second. That bee weighed 7,000 times more than his wings. If we can only get to that, get to that—the greatest thing for the smallest wing—that is the thing. The bee's wings beat the air 300 times a second."

### Realism.

A certain fiction writer applied to a friend, an interne in a hospital, for some local color for a tale he had based upon an occurrence in such an institution.

The interne couldn't think of anything of moment, but the writer jugged his memory thus:

"Surely you know of some realistic bit here that I could use."

"I have it!" suddenly exclaimed the interne.

"Yes," eagerly came from the writer. "Here is realism with a vengeance," said the youthful interne. "One of our patients walked in his sleep because he dreamed he had no car fare."—New York Globe.

### The Women of Belgium.

No one can travel in Belgium without being struck by the extraordinary activity and prominence of the women. Over the doors of shops of all descriptions of hotels and restaurants. They are frequently followed by "Sisters" or "Widow." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are often custodians of the churches. They are employed to tow the boats along the canal banks. They cut up the meat in the butchers' shops, and they are even to be noticed shoeing horses at the forge.—Liverpool Mercury.

### An Ungallant Rascal.

"I suppose," said the angular spinster, "that you never had a romance?" "Dat's where youse is wrong," replied the unlauded hobo. "I wunst had a sweetheart wot wuz a dead ringer for youse."

"And did she die?" asked the angular spinster as she helped him to another hunk of pie.

"No, ma'am," answered the hobo. "When leap year come round she asked me to marry her—an' I run away from home."—Chicago News.

### The Egyptian Lotus.

The lotus figures to a very great extent in ancient Egyptian sculpture, though the flower is often crude and difficult to make out. The fruit of the Egyptian lotus was forbidden as food to disciples of Pythagoras. The lotus was dedicated to the goddess of fecundity, Isis, and buds are said to have been found in the tombs of ancient Egyptian kings. Egyptologists have decided that the lotus of Egypt was the common white water lily of the Nile and not the true sacred nelumbo of the far east.

### Fort Sumter.

For four years Fort Sumter, in Charleston harbor, resisted every attempt at its capture. For 280 days the fort was actually under fire. "The duration of the three principal and eight minor bombardments was altogether 157 days and 116 nights. The total weight of metal thrown against the fort from land and sea aggregated 3,500 tons, and of this great mass the fort was actually struck by 2,400 tons. The number of projectiles fired against the fort was 46,058."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### His Definition.

"Pa, what is an 'interior decorator?'" "I'm not quite sure, Wilfred, but I think it's a cook."—New York Times.

### Guarding a Modern Fort.

The modern fort is armed with a garrison of 200 or more men who work the guns in watches much as if they were on a battleship. While the direct fire guns are surrounded by pits of ten foot concrete and are protected by armored cupolas, the guns rising to fire and dropping back after each discharge, these places are by no means safe. A. von Schwartz, a Russian artillery officer, in describing the defense of Port Arthur, in which he took part, told of the havoc of the Japanese guns and of the rain of shells that made it impossible for food to be brought from protected communication lines for a half day at a time. Because of the certainty of death which awaits any body of men attacking the trenches of either during broad daylight, surprise night attacks are favored by both besieged and besiegers, but particularly by the latter. Hence searchlights, mines and circles of electric wires are used by both sides and add not a little to the horrors of war.—Walter S. Hatt in Leslie's.

### Ferocious Looking Sikhs.

Did you ever see a Sikh in uniform? No? Whatever of fierceness your childhood fancy painted upon the face of a soldier, the Sikh has it. Other soldiers may be as brave or may fight more tenaciously or die more willingly, but for simple fierceness of personal appearance all medals go to the Sikh.

A Sikh—and I've seen many regiments of them on their native heath—is a tall man with black hair and a long black beard. The beard is what makes him look so fierce, because he plait it into two thick braids and draws these back of his ears, where they are tied.

If you think that doesn't make a soldier look fierce, you make a sad error, which one glance at him would correct.

The Sikhs are Hindus, and so strict are their religious beliefs that all the food they eat must be especially prepared according to their own rites.—Girard in Philadelphia Ledger

### Soldering Aluminum.

When holes appear in aluminum utensils it is not necessary to discard the dishes as no longer useful, for by a simple method they can be made to take solder. Insert a brass or copper rivet in the hole, flatten both ends and then solder over both the inside and the outside surfaces in the usual manner. If you wish to solder a piece to a sound part of the utensil use a sharp awl to punch holes for holding spots of copper or brass. If the aluminum is very thick cut the holes with a small drill held in a carpenter's bit brace.

### Quickly Relieved.

Little Hannah had been left in the library one morning and shortly after she came running to her mother.

"Mother," she asked, "that ink that father writes with isn't indelible ink, is it?"

"No, dear," was the reply. "Oh, I'm so glad of that," cried the child.

"Why, dear?" queried the mother. "Why," said Hannah, "I've spilt it all over the library rug."—Boston Herald.

### Well Named.

"Why do you call your horse Lion?" "Because he is such a roarer."—Baltimore American.

### Bullet Wounds.

The entrance wound caused by the modern small arm bullet is not a greswome spectacle. It is small, and its appearance has been compared to that produced by the bite of a certain parasite insect. Often there is but little external bleeding, but this is not to be taken as a danger signal, as might be popularly supposed.—London Telegraph.