

NOTHING LIKE THIS IN LIFE.

Things Don't Come So Easy for the American Father.

The American father of the heiress greeted the count who was a suitor for her hand with dignified frigidity. "Sare," said the count, "your daughter has done me so honnaire of consenting to be my wife. I am called to complete ze negotiations."

"All right," wearily said the father. "How much of a cash settlement do you expect?"

"Nossing, sare."

"What! How much will I have to pay for your poker debts?"

"Nossing, sare; I do not gamble."

"How much will I have to put up to settle breach of promise cases brought by chorus girls?"

"Nossing, sare; I do not flirt."

"How much will I have to pay to rebuild your castle?"

"Nossing, sare; it is in fine repair."

"But there must be some expense for me. Out with it."

"No, sare; nossing. I simply love your daughter and she loves me, and we wish to be married. Is not zat enough? Is it not enough to ask you to give me your daughter, wizzout your expecting to—"

"Come to my arms!" exclaimed the American father, and tried to fall upon the neck of the delighted count.

But he awoke on the floor, having tumbled from the bed as a finish to his amazing dream.—Judge.

SURVIVED THE LOSS OF BRAIN.

Brooklyn Man Lost Four Ounces as Result of Injury.

With his brain smaller by four ounces than when he fired a bullet into his head on April 3, Jacob Ritz within a few days will be discharged, cured, from St. Mary's hospital in Brooklyn, says the New York Press. His case has drawn the attention of physicians from all parts of the city. The hospital doctors said the recovery was one of the most remarkable on record.

It was thought that even if Ritz survived he would lose sight and taste, as the bullet passed through the part of the brain controlling these senses. Repeated tests, however, have shown his sight has not been impaired and that his taste is as sensitive as ever.

A bullet plowed through Ritz's brain, fracturing the skull on both sides and passing through the frontal lobes. He lay unconscious for several days. A tumor formed between the brain and skull and pressed upon the injured lobes. A rubber tube was inserted in the bullet hole in the right temple and the tumor was drained off.

Before Ritz began to recover the physicians removed, through the bullet hole, part of his brain, weighing in all about four ounces.

Psychology and Religion.

We venture to say that the time has come when the church must enter more deeply into the personal lives of people and make a freer use of the means of modern science and the gospel of Christ placed at her disposal if she is to continue even to hold her own.

The teachings of modern psychology and physiology as to the essential unity of human nature and the mutual relations of mind and body have sunk so deep into the popular conscience that the church can no longer address men as disembodied spirits, and no scheme of salvation causes the heart to beat with hope which does not include the whole man, and which does not begin now.

If the nineteenth century was materialistic and critical, the first half of the twentieth century promised to be mystical and spiritual.—Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester, in "Religion and Medicine."

Men Are More Romantic.

Men are said to be more romantic than women, as what woman ever cares to read poetry aloud? And how many poor women have spent hours of martyrdom listening to some man pour forth his soul in some one else's verse. The majority of sweethearts find it easy enough, but to wives it is generally nothing else than a bore, which should not be the case; at least, the wife should not allow the husband to find it out, and should regard her own lack of interest as a fault.

An American Venice.

It is a surprising thing to know that New York city, although not known at the American Venice, contains more islands than any city but Venice, for within its boundaries are 31 separate and distinct islands, most of which, encircled by deep water, will afford unlimited shipping accommodations and dockage for the commerce for future years, to reach undreamed of proportions, judging from past and present growth.—National Magazine.

The Base Ball Spirit.

"The base ball spirit is a wonderful and impressive thing," said a New Haven barber. "New manifestations of it continually crop up."

"Tad Jones, the great Yale catcher, flopped into that red plush chair there the other day."

"Shave, sir?" said I.

"No," said he. "Throat cut. Yale lost."

That Indefinable Air.

"There's no use talkin'," said Farmer Cornstassel, as he knocked the ashes out of his cornucop and laid it on the mantelpiece, "there's something about a college education that does give a young feller polish."

"Do you think our boy Josh is improved?"

"Yep. He kin smoke a pipe in a way that makes it look real stylish."

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EDWARD PINKSTON, Administrator.
This 19th day of February, 1909.

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M. B. WALKER,
Public Administrator.
First insertion, January 22nd, 1909.

THE DUELIST'S WATERLOO
By Stewart B. Stone.

When Monsieur Paul Eugene Leroy-Ledeaux, chevalier of the order of the Red Broadsword and the most famous, most persistent duelist in Paris, informed Arthur Dunlap that the Gallic honor of the former was outrageously touched, and that only the sight of the American gentleman's blood could at all appease him, it was Mr. Dunlap's time to be vexed.

It was all a foolish, airy trifle about a lady—about a little blonde lady of the daintiest charm, it is true; but still it was the merest nothing, and Mr. Dunlap was very busy just then turning little, green certificates of stock into good hard money. Mr. Dunlap, who knew the lady very well, had winked at her in the course of a funny story at the box party; and Monsieur Paul had jumped to his feet and there had been a flung glove and the boiling of bluest Latin blood.

Monsieur Paul repaired to his apartments at the Durham and made ready his shining instruments of carnage. There was just room on the rapier's slim point for the insolent Yankee's red blood, mused monsieur; and, if the American chose pistols, monsieur had a pair that glistened like brass in the sunlight.

Arthur Dunlap, after he had figured out the deal in Dubuque & Northern, partook of a sizzling drink or so, and proceeded to devise the matter of weapons and things, for he was the challenged party. The devising was finished just as the brass-satyr clock on the mantel jingled two o'clock in the warm, dark morning, and at this time Mr. Dunlap clambered into bed with a snuffle of content—this was the sizzling drinks, no doubt.

This was the fashion of the combat of honor outraged, as borne by the representatives of Mr. Dunlap to the fiery Frenchman at the Durham next morning. The principals were to seat themselves on stools, side by side, in the pitch dark convention room at the Durham. The flip of a coin by the combatants should decide which of the great room, leaving his rival in the still dark, black chamber. The loser, seated on the stool, should press one of two buttons, releasing one of two doors at the end of the hall. Behind one of the doors would lurk the little blonde lady of the boisterous box party; behind the other—grim, white old Boxer, the polar bear of the zoological gardens. In the matter of whether the lady or the bear should come forth to embrace the man on the stool in the dark, the great god Chance should say. You know where Mr. Dunlap got the conceit; his rival did not.

To the terms of this duel Monsieur Paul made most voluble, shrug-shouldered Latin objection.

"Eet ees rideoekion—I will not haff eet so—zee idea—zee deesgrace," he chattered, but the seconds were inexorable, and Monsieur Paul was obliged to submit.

When the hour for the duel arrived the combatants took their places on the stools in the big, empty room and the lights were switched off. There was a mumbling in the small anteroom, and voices of the seconds were heard announcing:

"Heads win. Mr. Dunlap will leave the room. Monsieur Paul will remain seated and press the button."

There was the sound of a man descending from a stool and his quick stride across the floor until Mr. Dunlap joined the party in the anteroom—then silence and darkness in the assembly room of the Hotel Durham. The scraping of the Frenchman for the button on the stool was heard, and then the swinging of a door at the end of the gloomy hall. Something stepped out upon the bare floor and there came the noise of a body shuffling its way up the hall toward Monsieur Paul on the stool. A sweet, baffling smell—say of a garden in old Araby—became evident, and then—

"Mademoiselle!" the Frenchman shrieked in the darkness, "are you there—answer—my God!"

The great hall flared up in a second, and there stood revealed the immense, shaggy form of an Arctic bear in the act of embracing a pale, perspiring dandy—a dandy who toppled the next second in a swoon to the floor, while the only bear that ever laughed and wafted old world perfume walked away on the shoulder of her fiance, Arthur Dunlap, U. S. A.

Horrors of the Police Court.
"What is your name?" asked the justice.
"Leggit Fergrubb, your honor," answered the prisoner, a red nosed specimen of the genus hobo.

"You are charged with vagrancy, having no visible means of support, and being a common nuisance in the neighborhood. What have you to say for yourself?"

"I han't got no visible means of support, your honor, but that ain't my fault. I'm out of work."

"Have you tried to get work?"
"I couldn't begin to tell you, your honor, how hard I've tried."
"I suppose not. How long is it since you have had any occupation?"
"Bout a year. Or it might be two years."
"What was your last job?"
"I had a position in a barber shop."
"A position? What kind?"
"Juxtaposition, your honor; I was next."
"Six months in the workhouse!" roared the police justice. "Call the next case!"

ATTENTION, COMRADES:



All comrades of Meyer Post are hereby notified to assemble at the court house on Saturday afternoon, March 27, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before it. The semi-annual dues are now due and comrades are requested to come prepared to pay their dues for the term beginning Jan. 1st, 1909.

All members are urged to be present as the annual election of officers will be held at this time.
By order of W. H. HARDMAN, Commander.

Church Directories.

Presbyterian Church.
Rev. James M. Walton, Pastor.
Sabbath School at 9:30 every Sabbath
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Service Thursday evening at 7:30 a. m.
Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. & 2:30 p. m.
Woodville every Sabbath at 3 p. m.
Everybody cordially invited to attend the above services.
If the pastor can help you, please call for his services.

Christian Church.
Elder B. H. Dawson, Pastor.
Bible school every Lord'sday 9:45 a. m., D. P. Brooks, superintendent
Y. P. S. C. E. every Lord'sday 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30.
Preaching every second and fourth Lord'sday, morning and evening, 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m.
All cordially invited to attend all meetings of the church. All made welcome by the pastor.

Evangelical Church.
E. F. Boehlinger, Pastor
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m.
Services every Sunday morning and evening
Regular preaching services the first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and the second and fourth Sundays at 8 p. m.
Preaching at Nickell's Grove on the first and third Sundays at 8 p. m., and the second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m.
Preaching at Culp school house on the first and third Sundays of each month.
Preaching at Renton church second and fourth Sundays
All are cordially invited to attend.

Methodist Episcopal Church.
Services each Sunday as follows:
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m.
Junior League at 3 p. m.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.
Also preaching each 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at Richville at 3 p. m.
Prayer meeting each Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
You are cordially invited to attend all these services.
T. C. TAYLOR, Pastor.

German M. E. Church.
Rev. Henry Bruns, Pastor.
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m.
Preaching every Sunday at the Nodawa church at 2:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday afternoon at 4:30.
Everybody cordially invited to attend above services.

M. E. Church, Forest City.
Rev. C. H. Werner, Pastor.
1st Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening at Tarkio Chapel.
2nd Sunday morning at 11 a. m. at Forest City; Sunday evening at Kimsey school house at 8 o'clock.
3rd Sunday morning at Tarkio Chapel at 11 a. m. and evening at Forest City at 8 p. m.
4th Sunday at Kimsey at 11 a. m. and at Forest City at 8 p. m.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., J. M. Lease, Superintendent.
Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Werner, Superintendent.
Epworth League at 7 p. m. Miss Mary Bullock, President.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.
Women's Home Mission Society Friday at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Scott, President.
Choir practice Thursday at 8 p. m.
Sunday school at Kimsey school house at 10 a. m. S. Smith, Superintendent.
Epworth League at Kimsey school house Sunday at 7 p. m.
Sunday school at Tarkio Chapel at 9:45 a. m. E. E. Boyd, Superintendent.
Prayer meeting at Tarkio Chapel Sunday and Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Christian Church, New Point.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Preaching on the first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and evening.
Y. P. S. C. E. every Sunday evening, 6:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited to attend.

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Sabbath School at 10 a. m. every Sabbath.

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stitched; they are attached to a band about 1 1/2 inch wide at the waist. The bodice has one tuck each side, and is cut out in the center to show a little silk vest. The tabbed shoulder-pieces are feather-stitched round with cream embroidery silk, so are edges of front, collar and cuffs. The bodice is sewn to the top of the skirt-band, then a band of the material, feather-stitched at each edge, is worn over the fixed band.
Materials required: Three yards 40 inches wide, one-quarter yard silk 22 inches wide.

ACCESSORIES PLAY BIG PART.

Smart Dressers Aware of Importance of the Details.

The early autumn display shows that accessories play an important part in woman's dress. Nowhere is this so apparent as in the neckwear. Haberdashers for men will find it difficult to find as large an assortment as what the women enjoy this season. The tiny thick ruffles of tulle, though still worn, are surpassed by those in silk. Smart dressers demand narrow ones quilted like the Watteau ruche. Even dressier are those made entirely of one row or small satin flowers tied with a bow at the back or squarely under the chin.

The small ruching which was so popular last season is now vanishing almost completely. The ruff is only like it in that it is made of the same material, such as net, lace, lawn, muslin, or mousseline de soie. The ruff in its plainest form is from one inch and a half to two inches wide. The stores are showing ruffs of nets and lace from four to five inches wide. They are sewn upon a narrow band of ribbon, which is again sewn into the collar, and the ruff is finished at the back with a large bow of ribbon.

Young Girls' Coats.

Girls' coats are made up on the simpler of the box models, having conventional sleeves. Few of them are developed in black and not many in dark blue, as there seems to be a tendency toward the using of the new shades, which figure so prominently among the winter suits. These include the deep purple of the Concord grape, the dried plum and the wild plum, the various catawba shades, the reddish browns, the mahogany reds and those having a copper tone. These colors come in heavy, smooth-finished cloths of fine texture, and many of the coats developed from them are lined with white or delicately tinted satin, for the young girl's long separate wrap is usually the one which she wears to dancing school over her lingerie or silk frock.

Cravat for Old Waist.

A convenient little cravat which does much to freshen up an old waist is made of a bow and ends of heliotrope velvet or satin ribbon, the ends having three small silk balls or acorns which give them weight. The center of the bow is caught with a heart-shaped buckle of pearls or rhinestones. A dainty collar consists of gold thread lace of Irish pattern with a cluster of little balls hanging quite low in front to represent cherries. With these so long neckties of real Irish crochet finished with balls and drops. Even more smart looking are the wide outstanding bows of white illusion worn under the chin. These bows are caught at the base of the collar with some ornamental pin.

Doeskin Shoes.
Doeskin shoes have undoubtedly come to remain throughout cold weather. They are warmer looking than calfskin, and brown is decidedly smart for morning. Few persons know that the best way to clean doeskin when it has become muddy or smooth is to rub it gently with sandpaper. The roughness brings up the surface again, sometimes to pristine freshness, and contrary to what one might think, does not wear it out.