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Russia's blowing up of her own fortifications at Dalny is a great land victory, matching her naval achievements in sinking Russian ships.

A French liner has sailed from New York for Havre with \$9,000,000 in gold aboard. Let's see—what American heiress has married a French title lately?

Representative Hitt is the last republican to break out with vice-presidentialism, a contagious malady which seems to be spreading through the republican ranks.

The California school teacher who carried her pet snake in the bosom of her perforated shirt waist couldn't have chosen a place where it would be less sequestered from the eyes of men.

The car reviewed 50,000 troops. An admission fee of \$30 was charged to the show. The review ended with a charge by the Cosacks. Then the spectators complained on account of the double charge.

One Herr Schweigerhausen is earning a certain notoriety in Europe by a vast wager of his own invention. He is to cycle 70,000 miles in five years; he is to come in contact with three kings, to kill a wild animal in each country, to write 100 articles, take 1,000 photographs and deliver 100 lectures.

Admiral Schley's personal memoirs are now in the hands of his publishers and they will probably appear in about a month. The book will tell the story of the battle of Santiago and there will be many hitherto untold incidents. The publishers are not yet ready to give out information, but many personal friends of the admiral say there is not an unkind word in the whole volume.

Lieut. Bilse, who has finished serving a six months' sentence in Berlin for "libeling his superior and commanding officers," in his novel entitled in English "A Little Garrison" is busy preparing to fight three duels, which have been waiting for him, and having worked them off his hands, promises to write another novel, telling more secrets of German garrison and army life. He has received about \$5,000 from the sale of his first novel.

Silence and Secrecy.

Silence and secrecy! Alas! this still is raised to them (were this an altar building time) for universal worship. Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together that at length they may emerge full-formed and majestic, into the daylight of life, which they are henceforth to rule. Nor William the Silent only, but all the considerable men I have known, and the most unpolitic and unstrategic of these, for to babble of what they were creating or projecting. Nay, to thy own mean perplexities, do thou thyself but hold thy tongue for one day; on the morrow how much clearer are thy purposes and duties; what wreck and rubbish have these mute workmen within their swept away, when instinctive noises were shut out! Speech is too often not, as the Frenchman defined it, the art of concealing thought, but of quiet stifling and suppressing thought, so that there is none to conceal. Speech, too, is great, but not the greatest. As the Swiss inscription says: *Speechen ist silbern, schweigen ist golden.* (Speech is silver, silence is golden); or, as I might rather express it, *Speech is of Time, Silence is of Eternity.*

Bees will not work except in darkness; Thought will not work except in silence; neither will virtue work except in secrecy.—Carlyle.

The Democratic State Convention.

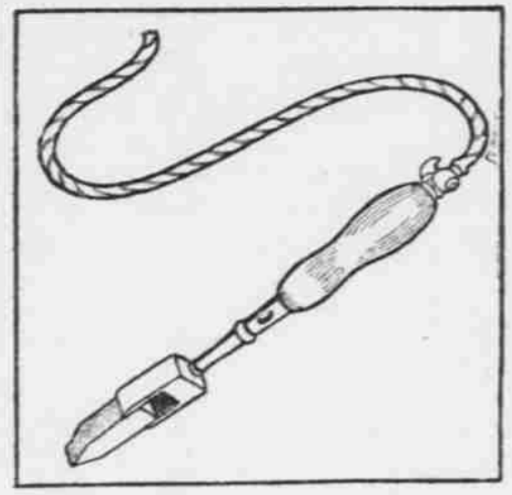
The democratic state convention will be held at the arsenal in Springfield Tuesday, June 14, opening at the noon hour. This convention will name candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, state treasurer, attorney general and three trustees for the state university. Also there will be named two presidential electors at large and one elector for each of the 25 congressional districts; four delegates-at-large and four alternates-at-large to the national convention; two delegates to the national convention from each congressional district, and a state central committee consisting of nine members at large and one member

from each of the congressional districts of the state.

A GERMAN SOLDERING IRON

Bunsen Burner Takes the Place of the Old Hand Ferrance.

The thirteenth of this century will not think of carrying around with him a big pot of charcoal in which to build a fire and heat his soldering irons, says the Philadelphia Record, but will instead connect his iron to an incandescent electric light socket or a gas jet, obtaining his heat from either the current or flame. An extremely practical iron of the latter class has recently been placed on the Berlin market. As is apparent from the illustration, the copper bit which comes in contact with the solder to melt and apply it to the



IRON WITH SELF HEATING BIT.

metal is movable and can be placed at any desired angle. By virtue of this form of construction the iron is of great convenience in soldering metallic edges so located as to be difficult of access.

A Bunsen burner is used to generate the heat, which is utilized to its fullest extent, owing to the prevention of radiation by the open space beneath the copper bit and the concentration of the flame of gas and air directly on the bit itself. This system of heating develops a sufficiently high temperature to permit of the employment of a comparatively small piece of copper in the bit and also economizes in the amount of gas consumed.

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An Arctic Railway.

The most northern railway in the world is the line from Navik, in Norway, across Lapland, connecting the Baltic with the Atlantic and giving access to valuable ore deposits. It reaches latitude 68 degrees 20 minutes and thus lies within the arctic circle. The White Pass railroad in Alaska reaches a latitude of 60 degrees.

The total distance from Navik, on Ofoten fiord, to Lulea, on the gulf of Bothnia, is 483 kilometers, or 300 miles. At Boden, not far from Lulea, the new railway intersects the Swedish railway system, extending southward on the one hand to Stockholm and the rest of the peninsula and on the other to St. Petersburg and the whole network of Russian railways. From Navik to St. Petersburg, a distance of 1,800 kilometers, there is now continuous rail communication and from St. Petersburg on over the line of the Siberian railway to Vladivostok. By the completion of this railway the line across Europe and Asia connecting by rail the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans is achieved, the distance being 11,900 kilometers, or about 7,400 miles, and at the average speed of thirty kilometers per hour the journey from ocean to ocean may be made in about sixteen days.

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DAILY SHORT STORY

His Ward.

[Original.]

"This club life," said Arnold Bates to himself, "is becoming intolerable." Going to the coat room, he took his hat and cane and sauntered to his house.

The next morning on Arnold Bates' plate at the breakfast table was an envelope with several inclosures. When he had been a child he was thrown into constant companionship with Timothy Sinclair, a young man of twenty. Sinclair had married and passed out of Bates' life. One of the inclosures announced Sinclair's death, another stated that he had appointed Bates guardian to his only child, a little girl, with the request that he would take full charge of her.

"Mrs. Winfield," exclaimed Bates to his housekeeper, springing up and walking excitedly back and forth, "prepare rooms for a guest! No, not a guest—one to be here permanently."

"A gentleman, sir?"

"Gentleman? No. I have all the men's society I want. A child—a little girl."

"Yes, sir."

Several days later a telegram was received that the ward was to arrive that evening. Bates went home unusually early to see that all was in readiness.

"Will you have a high chair for her at the dinner table, sir?" asked the housekeeper.

"I don't know. I wonder how old she is. I have no idea."

"I'll put one at her place, and if she doesn't need it I can take it away."

Bates spent the time till the arrival of his ward walking through the rooms prepared for her or trying to read the evening paper, constantly snuffing in spite of himself at the prospect of having a child in the house. Suddenly he heard a carriage drive up and stop before the house. Springing to the front door, he opened it just as a girl apparently about eighteen years of age mounted the steps. She stood looking at him, he at her.

"I suppose you are the governess?" said Bates.

"The governess?"

"Have you got the child in the carriage?"

"What child?"

"The little Sinclair girl."

"An Lillian Sinclair."

"What?"

"Are you Mr. Bates?"

"I am, and I am expecting my ward, the little daughter of my boyhood friend, Timothy Sinclair. I supposed of course some one would bring her to me, and as you have arrived when she is expected I naturally—But don't stand here. Come into the house."

"Why, Mr. Bates," said the girl after they were inside, "did you suppose your ward to be a child?"

"Because the letter notifying me of the charge quoted the words of Mr. Sinclair referring to her as a child."

"Did you understand when those words were written?"

"No."

"The will by which my father committed me to your care was made twelve years ago, when I was six years old."

Bates stood in that dazed condition usual with one whose expectations have been suddenly shifted.

"And you, a young lady, are my ward?"

"I am if you are Mr. Arnold Bates."

"Humph!" This was spoken aloud, but there was more that he thought.

"What the dickens am I going to do with her?"

The young lady was also evidently put out. "I supposed you were an old man," she said in a disappointed tone.

"I am, in the eyes of people of your age; I'm thirty-six. Well, come in to dinner. We'll talk it over."

He ushered her into the dining room. The girl took off her wraps, and Bates in his confusion, without noticing what he was doing, pointed to the high chair.

"The girl burst into a laugh.

"Take that thing away!" he said to a servant.

There was a very pleasant dinner. The housekeeper occupied a position at the table, and when the coffee was served Mr. Bates said to her:

"Mrs. Winfield, do you suppose you'll do for a chaperon for this young lady?"

"Certainly. I'm old enough to be her mother, and yours, too, for that matter."

"Very well. She'll remain with us. I would suggest your making some changes in her apartments more befitting her age. Never mind; I'll do it myself." And, rising, he hurried upstairs.

Lillian Sinclair heard something drop in the hall. Going out there, a large wax doll lay on its back staring at the ceiling. A doll's baby carriage came next, then a box of baby dishes. In a few minutes there was a heap in the hall, and Bates shouted over the banister to a servant to "remove the rubbish." After a while he came down and informed his ward that her room was ready for her.

Never did guardian give more time and attention to a ward. Bates deserted his club to supervise the finishing of Miss Sinclair's education, and in a year after she came to live at his house announced to her that he was looking for a husband for her. She declined all the candidates he brought forward, and when he was discouraged at having failed to please her he consulted Mrs. Winfield.

"A, sir," said the housekeeper. "She'll never marry any one but you."

One week from that time the guardian and ward were engaged, and eventually the room originally designed for the lady's play room was used for the purpose by her daughter.

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CHANCERY.—May 17.—92, Harriet Craig vs. John W. Craig. Divorce and injunction. Cause heard in part and continued for further hearing.

CRIMINAL.—May 17.—18, Carrie Allen. Allowing female under 18 years to remain in house of prostitution. Defendant Carrie Allen in court. Empaneling of jury continues. The regular panel of jurors being now exhausted, it is ordered that the sheriff summons 10 persons having the qualifications of jurors to fill the panel for the pending trial and that the clerk issue process therefor returnable forthwith. Empaneling of jury continues. Empaneling of jury completed and jury sworn to try the cause. Trial proceeds.

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