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## A TELEGRAPH JOKER.

He Knew What the Crowd Wanted and Delivered the Goods.

### ELECTION RETURNS TO SUIT.

Swung States and National Chairmen Into Line in His Reports and Gave the Boys of the Mining Camp the Time of Their Lives.

A funny incident happened on the night of the national election of 1896 in a little camp tucked away in the mountains of southwestern Colorado, where the only means of quick communication with the world were a single uncertain telegraph wire and a single more uncertain telegraph operator. Naturally only the merest scraps of election news reached the camp, but before the certain news of McKinley's election could have been got the uncertain operator had fallen a victim to his favorite vice and, further, had fallen beneath the table.

The only other person who knew anything about telegraphy was "Shorty," the local wit and humorist, who volunteered to write out the election returns as they clicked off from the telegraph instrument. Political sentiment was averse to Bryan. News of his election was not only sought, but demanded, for the average American miner is as sanguine concerning the uncertainties of politics as he is concerning the uncertainties of mining. The volunteer telegrapher was noted for an obliging disposition. He was the "genial" of the camp.

The "boys" had placed stores of giant powder at various points. They had cleaned and oiled their six shooters and refilled their cartridge belts. Bonfires were ready to be lighted on the hillsides, and natural enthusiasm had been stimulated at the Metropolis, the Cosmopolitan, the Fashion, the Trocadero and less pretentiously named cases in the desert of mining camp existence—in fact, every preliminary to the grandest celebration the San Juan country ever had known.

Shorty was not the man to neglect an opportunity like that. The first bulletin he handed to the waiting crowd stated that New York and Indiana were in doubt and it looked like a close election, with the chances favoring Bryan. That whetted the crowd's keen appetite for returns to razor edge. The second bulletin sent their spirits up with a leap. "Bryan has carried Kansas, and the Democrats are claiming Iowa."

"Whoopie!" from the crowd. Shorty bent his ear to the clicking sounder and inscribed "Bulletin No. 3—Illinois joins the Bryan column with 30,000 majority. Indiana certain, New York very close."

When the deafening chorus had died down a young member of the party asked the leader, "Hain't we better begin to set off the giant?"

Before the leader could answer Shorty reproved him by word and look. "Don't go off half cocked," he said. "It's always best to wait until you are sure. You can't be too conservative in a case like this."

After a long pause, in which the crowd displayed much impatience, the imperturbable and conservative Shorty transcribed bulletin No. 4, but before passing it out he said:

"Now, boys, don't do anything rash. Wait for the actual returns."

Bulletin No. 4 read, "Senator Jones claims Ohio and Pennsylvania for Bryan."

Under ordinary circumstances a doubt might have been expressed concerning the probability of such states reversing their political records, but the crowd was convinced of an impending landslide for their favorite and yelled with delight. "Now we are beginning to get the news," remarked Shorty when the cheering ceased, and he began to write bulletin No. 5 as follows:

"New York gives Bryan 100,000 plurality; Indiana, 40,000. Returns from Wisconsin and Minnesota indicate large Democratic gains."

The crowd heard only the first sentence. Shouting, cheering, yelling, screaming, it broke for the street.

"Hold on!" called Shorty. "Here's another."

Bulletin No. 6, "Quay concedes Pennsylvania to Bryan."

Another fragment broke from the crowd and ran down the street shouting the news. The new operator's pencil was traveling rapidly over the paper, while his friends and fellow citizens crowded closely upon him and read as he wrote bulletin No. 7, "Mark Hanna has locked up Republican headquarters and gone home."

The roar of the crowd was drowned by the roar of exploding giant powder. Buildings shook, windows rattled, accompanied by the crash of broken glass. The celebration was on, and Shorty McIntyre was alone.

The celebration lasted for two days. The morning after election the regular operator had recovered sufficiently to transcribe messages announcing McKinley's victory. Those who were sober enough to understand them didn't believe them. After several warnings of what would happen to him if he didn't quit "trying to fool people" the operator desisted and joined in the general jubilation. Not until the arrival of the Denver papers on the second day did that camp awake to a realization of the outcome of the election, and then there was not sufficient poetry left to vent even indignation upon Shorty, much less to take revenge. On the third day the volunteer operator was more popular than ever, for all admitted he had given them the time of their lives.—New York Post.

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

Quaint Customs That Are Maintained With Religious Care.

The head master of Manchester Grammar school, in a speech at Rochdale, referred to a custom at Rugby school which forbids a boy of less than three years' standing to turn up his trousers and insists on his doing so after that period.

The custom is only a minor instance of the quaint practices that exist at all the great public schools in England and are maintained with religious care, though in many cases their origin is obscure or unknown. The Shrove Tuesday tossing of the pancake at Westminster school, with its ensuing scramble for the largest fragment, which gains for its possessor a guinea from the dean, is perhaps the best known among them. A curious custom at Marlborough requires every boy to bring to school with him a cushion, technically termed a "kiss"—with the "I" long. This article is his inseparable companion in school time and, in addition to the ordinary functions of a cushion, is employed to carry books from one form room to another.

At Shrewsbury school, at the beginning of each term, "ball elections" are held for the posts of hall crier, hall constable, hall postman and hall scavengers. The genial brutality of youth often selects for the position of hall crier either the most nervous boy in the school or one who is afflicted with a stammer.

The new boy in the schoolhouse at Rugby is early called upon to take his part in "house singing." At this function, which is held in one of the dormitories, he has to render a song to the satisfaction of his audience, the penalty being the swallowing of a mouthful of soapy water.

Another ancient school custom is the parade of the Christ's hospital blue-coat boys before the lord mayor at the Mansion House on St. Matthew's day, when the "Greelans," who correspond to "sixth formers" elsewhere, receive a guinea each and the rank and file of the school are presented with new shillings.—London Mail.

## BURGLARS' TOOLS.

Most of Them Made by Supposedly Respectable Mechanics.

Every little while, said a detective recently, the police arrest a man with a set of burglar's tools in his possession, and one naturally wonders where they all come from.

It is easy to buy a gun of any description, and the most reputable person would not be ashamed to be seen purchasing the most wicked looking knife ever made. But who would know where to get a "jimny" or a device for drilling into a safe or any of the many tools used by the professional burglar in the pursuit of his calling?

There are places in the large cities where these things are made and sold to the users, but such places are exceedingly scarce. It may seem a little strange to learn that most of the tools used in burglaries are made by mechanics who are looked upon as respectable men in the community.

When a burglar wants any particular tool made he goes to a mechanic who can do the job and pays him perhaps five times what it is actually worth for making the tool and keeping quiet about it. Many detectives can recall cases of this kind that have come to light.

One in particular occurred some years ago when an escaped convict named Williams went to a blacksmith and got him to make a lot of drills to be used in safe cracking. He personally superintended the tempering of the steel, but when the job was nearly completed it leaked out, and Williams was arrested. In this instance the blacksmith knew nothing of the use to which the tools were to be put. Most of the tools used by burglars are secured in the same way.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Shoemaker's Candles.

I well remember some seventy years ago seeing flat candles in use. You produce what was known as the flat candle, which was also sometimes called "shoemaker's candle," two newly made "dips" were pressed close to each other while soft and then again lowered into the hot fat, thus holding them together as one candle with two wicks. The size could then be increased if desired. This flat candle was most generally used by shoemakers and tailors, but was much used of in some households whenever an extra bright light for working or reading was required.—Cor. Dickersonian.

## Too Much Like Week.

"Haven't you a home?" asked the sympathetic citizen.  
"Yep," answered Flooding Pete. "I had a nice home, but de first t'ing I knew it had a wood pile and a garden and a pump, and den it got so much like a steady job dat I resigned."—Washington Star.

## Impossible.

"How do you overcome insomnia?"  
"Say the multiplication table up to twelve times twelve."  
"But I can't get the baby to learn it."—Cleveland Leader.

## Not Slept In.

"Porter, this berth has been slept in."  
"No, sah; I assure you, sah; Merely occupied. It's the one over the wheels, sah."—Puck.

## Taking Him Down.

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### George III. and the Wigmakers.

When George III. ascended the throne of England his wealthy subjects were beginning to leave off wigs and to appear in their own hair, "if they had any." As the sovereign was himself one of the offenders, the peruke makers, who feared a serious loss of trade, prepared a petition in which they prayed his majesty to be graciously pleased to "shave his head" for the good of distressed workmen and wear a wig, as his father had done before him.

When the petitioners walked to the royal palace, however, it was noticed that they wore no wigs themselves. As this seemed unfair to the onlookers they seized several of the leading processionists and cut their hair with any implement that came most readily to hand.

From this incident arose a host of curious caricatures. The wooden leg makers were said to have especial claims on the king's consideration, inasmuch as the conclusion of peace had deprived them of a profitable source of employment; hence the suggestion that his majesty should not only wear a wooden leg himself, but enjoin the people to follow his laudable example.

### As Others See Us.

"The man who can pick out the best picture of himself is a rare bird," said a photographer. "Even an author, who is reputedly a poor judge of his own work, exercises vast wisdom in selecting his best book compared with the person who tries to choose his best photograph. Every famous man or woman who has been photographed repeatedly has his or her favorite picture. Usually it is the worst in the collection. It shows him or her with an unnatural expression, sitting or standing in an unnatural attitude. The inability to judge of his best picture must be due to the average man's ignorance of how he really looks, or perhaps it can be partly attributed to a desire to look other than he does. A stout man will swear that the photograph most nearly like him is the one that makes him look thin, a thin man the one that makes him look stout, the solemn man selects the jolliest picture, the jovial man the most cadaverous."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### A Famous Quotation.

A story about Keats is quoted by the late Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson in his "Lives" of disciples of Aesculapius. Mr. Stephens, a friend of the doctor, once told him that one evening at twilight when he and Keats were sitting together in their student days, Stephens at his medical books, Keats engrossed in his dreaming, Keats called out to his friend that he had composed a new line—"A thing of beauty is a constant joy." "What think you of that, Stephens?" "It has the true ring, but is wanting in some way," replied the latter as he dips once more into his medical studies.

An interval of silence, and again the poet, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." "What think you of that, Stephens?" "That it will live forever." "A happy prophecy indeed!"

### The Forests on the Niger.

The insects of Africa are expert disease carriers, and they come in such numbers on the Niger that one hardly dares to use one's lamp or go too near a light of any sort at night. These forests on the Niger are deadly places for all their haunting attraction and take a big toll both of European and native life. Yet the first three days on the Niger, with all its mud and its smell and its mangrove flies and its frogs and its crickets, are enough to give the newcomer an inkling of the drawing power, the fascination, of what is probably the most unhealthy country in the world.—W. B. Thompson in Blackwood's.

### Dodging a Slender.

During a suit for slender brought in an Ohio town one of the parties was asked by the presiding magistrate: "Is it true, as alleged, that you declared that Thomas Mulkins had stolen your pocketbook?" "Your honor," responded the man, "I did not go so far as that. I merely said that if Mulkins had not assisted me in looking for the pocketbook I might have found it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Before and After.

She was a frivolous, fashionable young woman with beaux galore, but she had with only a small income agreed to be the favorite.

"You'll have to work hard before you win that girl," said his mother.

"And a good deal harder after you win her," answered his father, who knew what he was talking about.

### His Poems.

"May I offer you this little gift, Fraulein Kate?"

"Excuse me—I never take presents from men."

"But it is only a copy of my book of poems."

"In that case I will accept. I thought it was something valuable."—Fleegende Blätter.

### The Place For It.

An old Scotswoman was advised by her minister to take snuff to keep herself awake during the sermon. She answered briskly, "Why dianna ye put the snuff in the sermon, mon?"

### The Shake.

"What did you say last night when Jack asked you to marry him?"

"I shook my head."

"Side-ways or up and down?"—Boston Transcript.

There is no piety in keeping an unjust promise.—German Proverb.

### THE SANCI DIAMOND.

His Course Since the Time Queen Elizabeth Bought It.

Elizabeth of England purchased the famous Sanci diamond when De Sanci, extravagant and splendid, was low in purse. When Charles became king and sent Buckingham to Paris to bring back his bride, Henrietta, the messenger wore the Sanci. Charles quarreled with his queen, Henrietta, and with his parliament, and not long afterward Cromwell asked for his head. Henrietta gave the diamond to the Earl of Worcester. Worcester probably gave it back to the Stuarts, for whom he ruined himself, for it descended to James II. James' disastrous reign cost him the crown, but he kept the Sanci. That and other jewels which he took away with him supported various Stuart pretenders. This particular one was sold to Louis XIV. of France for \$125,000.

Stolen with other jewels in 1792, the Sanci disappeared for thirty-six years. A jeweler came by it, and Prince Demidoff purchased it for his wife. Twenty years later she let it go to Jamsetjee Jeejeeboy, a rich merchant of Bombay. Again it appeared at a Paris jeweler's shop and was sold to the maharajah of Putilala. He, too, came upon hard times. It was from a London jeweler that William Waldorf Astor bought it for his son's bride.—Franklin Clark in Everybody's Magazine.

### THE SPIDER.

It Differs From an Insect in Five Main Particulars.

The spider is not an insect, though probably nine people out of ten would class it under this term. With scorpions and mites spiders form a class in the animal kingdom known as arachnids. This name is derived from a mythical personage called Arachne, the daughter of a purple dyer of Lydia, who was fabled to have challenged Minerva to a trial of skill in spinning. So indignant was the goddess at this act of boldness that she forthwith transformed the hapless challenger into a spider, presumably in order that she might have the best possible opportunity of practicing the art on which she prided herself so much.

Spiders differ from insects in five main particulars. Their eyes are simple instead of compound, they have eight legs in place of six, they do not pass through the metamorphoses which are characteristic of insects, they have no antennae and their breathing is accomplished by means of organs which combine the functions of lungs and gills instead of by tubes pervading their bodies. These points of distinction are sufficient to determine the fact that it is impossible to class spiders as insects.

### The "Picket."

The picket was generally inflicted on cavalry and artillery men and was a singularly brutal bit of torture. A long post, near which stood a stool, was driven into the ground. The delinquent was ordered to mount the stool, and his right hand was fastened to a hook in the post by a noose, drawn up as high as it could be stretched, round his wrist. A stump the height of the stool, with its end cut to a round and blunt point, was also driven into the earth close to the post. Then the stool was taken away, and the sufferer had nothing to rest his bare feet upon but the stump, "which, though it did not usually break the skin," says Captain Grose, "put him in great torture, his only means of relief being by resting his weight on his wrist, the pain of which soon became intolerable." One can very well believe him, especially when he makes the addition that a man was not infrequently left to stand in this position for half an hour, although the orthodox period of endurance was fifteen minutes.—London Graphic.

### Seizing the Opportunity.

Doctor—You have no reason to believe, madam, that your husband shot himself intentionally?

Madam—Oh, dear, no! It was purely accidental. But is he seriously hurt?

Doctor—Quite seriously, but I think we can save him.

Madam—What are you going to do now with all those horrid surgical instruments?

Doctor—We are going to probe for the bullet.

### Flattered Restaurant Keeper—

I'm glad to hear, sir, that you've been growing so strong since you began coming to my restaurant. Fullett—Well, it's a fact. You see, my habits are sedentary, and I can't afford to enter a gymnasium. Yes, sir, your steaks and roast fowls are making a new man of me.

### No Difference.

Miss Wayuppe—It was my good fortune that my ancestors came over in the Mayflower. Miss Newrich—May four! Why, my folks made their fortune in September wheat.—St. Louis Times.

### Sarcastic.

"There's just one thing I wanted to say to you," began Mrs. Acid to her husband.

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### Getting On.

Father—And how are you getting on at school, Johnny? Johnny—Oh, I have learned to say "Thank you" and "If you please" in French. Father—That's more than you ever learned in English.

### Not Quite a Sponge.

Percy—Skittle is a sponge—a perfect sponge.

"Oh, not! When a sponge absorbs anything, by squeezing it you can get it again."—Detroit Free Press.

Self is the first object of charity.—Latin Proverb.

### THE TAX ON SALT.

One of the Things That Started the French Revolution.

Before the French revolution the government established warehouses at which the inhabitants were compelled to purchase their stores of salt. These warehouses were numerous in some provinces and few in others; but, whether sufficient or insufficient for the needs of the population, they were often situated at a considerable distance from the towns and villages, whose inhabitants had to trudge miles along bad roads to buy their salt.

But this was not all. It was prescribed by law that the head of every family must lay in his stock of salt not at such times as might suit his own convenience, but on one stated day in the year. Should he fail in this observance he was fined, and he was also fined if he purchased a smaller quantity than the law prescribed.

His hardships did not stop even there. On making his annual purchase he had to state the different purposes for which he intended to use the salt during the ensuing year, and in the event of his being discovered selling his soup instead of his pork according to his statement or his pork instead of his soup on the day he had named he was also liable to a fine. His kitchen was never secure from the intrusion of the inspecting officer, and woe to the housewife who was detected in any petty infraction of this law.

### WONDERFUL ROCK GARDEN.

Englishman Has a Three Acre Reproduction of the Matterhorn.

The largest rock garden in England is that of Sir Frank Crisp at Friar Park, Henley. It is a faithful reproduction of the Matterhorn on a scale of about three acres. Seven thousand tons of limestone were brought from Yorkshire to make it.

The snow capped peak is represented by quartz. Below it are thousands upon thousands of alpine flowers growing in pockets between the rocks and filling every chink in the trails that ascend the mountain. There must be 200 different species in bloom at once.

At the base of the mountain, says Country Life in America, is a miniature Swiss chalet, where one may sit and enjoy the scene, comparing all the main features with a little bronze model of the Matterhorn which Sir Frank had made for the entertainment of his guests. A brook courses down the mountain side, and just before it reaches the chalet it forms a pretty cascade and then spreads out at your feet into a miniature lake decorated with pygmy water lilies and richly margined with pink primroses, gossans and other alpine flowers.

### A Good Laugh is Good For the Health.

Look at the laugh in whatsoever light you will, whether you see it as the deliverer from the bondage to outgrown notions; a schoolmaster with the sharp switch of ridicule to teach us manners; an apostle of democracy, proclaiming that we are all of the same clay, made of it and to return to it, but every lump of it holding some sparkle of the divine fire, and woe betide the man that tries to make us think that he is of different stuff! Look at the laugh, I say, in any light you choose, and you will see that it is not so much the downfall and confusion of the laughed at that makes us happy, that joggles our waistbands and sends the hair spouting out, that pumps the blood along the sluggish veins, massaging the interior works and replacing the shopworn stock of air with a new consignment, as it is the sudden, sharp, intense realization of our personal well being.—Eugene Wood in Success Magazine.

### Harlem in New York.

In an early charter of what is now New York occurs the name of Lancaster. That is what Harlem used to be called. It comprised the territory on Manhattan Island north of a line drawn from the foot of East Seventy-fourth street to the foot of Manhattan street. The real Harlem village was a settlement collected within a radius of a quarter of a mile from One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Third avenue. Today the name Harlem is applied to the whole territory north of One Hundred and Tenth street, east and west. After the name Lancaster was eliminated the village was called Nieuw Haarlem.—New York Press.

### New Kind of Setter.

Little Oscar, aged five, had a dog which was almost always to be found behind the stove in the kitchen. Oscar once visited at a house where there were two fine dogs. The master of the house told him that they were Irish Setters. The little fellow, who was very fond of his pet, answered quickly, "Mine is a kitchen setter."—Delinquent.

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**What a Dollar Dog Can Do.**  
 A man in a nearby city bought for his wife and child a year ago a dog, for which he paid a dollar. It was obviously nothing wonderful in the canine way—merely a mongrel, with the bulldog strain predominant. The owner was a man in humble circumstances, and the dog in his modest dwelling was the principal asset aside from a few sticks of furniture. The other night Tom was tied to a leg of the kitchen sink, as usual, and the family went to bed. They were awakened by the dog at midnight scratching at his master's door. When his master came out to see what was the matter the dog, with a remnant of chewed rope hanging from his collar, whined and ran to the head of the stairway. The house was on fire, and shortly after woman and child and man and dog made their escape their poor dwelling was a mass of glowing embers. The owner of the dog has been urged to part with him for a large cash consideration; but, though he is penniless, he will not part with the four footed savior of his family. Neither has the dog at any time had thoughts of leaving them for luxurious kennels.—New York Times.

**Slaves to the Servants.**  
 "I am very tired," said the fashionably dressed woman. "I have been working dreadfully hard all day. Doing what? Why, seeing to my servants—working for them. Didn't you know that the more servants you have the harder you must work? Certainly I have to do all the shopping for my servants. I have to buy their uniforms, the caps and aprons of the maids, the clothing of the housekeeper, and have to see to the marketing, too—yes, and very often, in spite of the fact that I have a housekeeper. I must, or they will form a combine to rob me of everything I have. The housekeeper will get a rakeoff that will enable her to retire in a few years. Then perhaps it is I who must hunt a place as housekeeper for some one else. Oh, yes, if you want to keep your position as mistress of a household of servants you must keep hustling! You can't afford to let the grass grow under your feet to any great extent."—New York Press.

**He Got a Hundred.**  
 Sammy's mother talked to him long and earnestly about the poor marks he had been getting in his work at school. She painted in alluring colors the career of the little boy who studies his lessons and gains the love and respect of his teachers. She went even farther. She promised him that if he got good marks she would give him a whole dime all for his own. Sammy seemed impressed. That afternoon he returned from school fairly dancing with joy. "Oh, mother," he shouted, "I got a hundred!" "Sammy!" cried his delighted mother. She hugged him and kissed him and petted him and gave him the dime. "And what did you get a hundred in?" she finally asked. "In two things," replied Sammy without hesitation. "I got forty in readin' and sixty in spellin'."—Everybody's Magazine.

**Trapping the Parson.**  
 William Morris did not always get his jokes right end first. In a biography of her husband, Mrs. Edward Burne-Jones tells of the ease with which he reversed them. A dinner gathering had all been asking conundrums. "Who killed his brother Cain?" asked Burne-Jones. Morris fell into the trap at once. "Abel," he shouted. Later in the day he came in laughing. "I trapped the parson, by Jove!" he exclaimed. "I asked him, 'Who killed his brother Abel?'" "Cain," he said at once. "Ha!" I said. "I knew you'd say that. Every one does. I came away and left him puzzled enough, and I doubt if he's found out yet what the joke was."

**Not Qualified.**  
 Two men were getting warm over a simple difference of opinion. They turned to the third man. "Isn't a homemade strawberry short-cake better than a cherry pie?" demanded one of them. "Isn't a homemade cherry pie better than any shortcake?" inquired the other. The third man shook his head. "I don't know," he said. "I board."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**The Tripping Tongue.**  
 "Henry Peck, you're a fool!" "You didn't seem to think so when I was single." "No, you never showed what a big fool you were until you married me."—Exchange.

**Not an Umpire.**  
 A clergyman started his drowsy congregation the other day as follows: "My dearly beloved friends, permit me to remind you that I come here to preach, not to act as umpire in a snoring match."

**The Explanation.**  
 Fred—There seems to be a lot more fuss made of Miss A.'s singing than Miss K.'s, and I am sure Miss K. has by far the richer voice. Jack—Ah, yes, but Miss A. has by far the richer father.

**Made Sure of the Pie.**  
 A young girl who carried her dinner was observed to eat her pie first. When asked why, she replied, "Well, if there's anything left it won't be the pie, will it, now?"

**Animals and Instinct.**  
 It is a mistake to imagine that animals are prevented by instinct from eating injurious food. A chicken will drink paint; a cow partakes of water in which noxious chemicals have been washed; ducks cheerfully swallow snails and choke themselves in the process. No animals, like children, need watching.

Recently numerous cases of poisoning in ducks, which followed the consumption of cabbage leaves, have attracted much attention. A few hours after feeding poisoning has manifested itself by loss of appetite, great weakness, tottering steps and sometimes death. From time immemorial ducks have thrived on cabbage leaves. The poultry farmers were greatly puzzled.

Then it was discovered that various caterpillars were concealed in the cabbage leaves; hence these fears. But the point is that, far from instinctively detecting any danger and behaving accordingly, the ducks consumed great quantities of the leaves with much apparent relish.—London Answers.

**Pleasure and Sacrifice.**  
 An alert little five-year-old was visiting a city park with her mother for the first time. She had noticed the beautiful red and white swan boats as they passed through in the morning, and her mother had promised they should come back after the shopping was done and have a ride. Shortly after dinner they stood on the bridge over the lagoon watching the boats below and listening to the cry of the barker as he tried to induce the passing crowds to patronize his swan boats.

But when her mother started toward the boat landing little Elsie declared very vigorously that she did not want to go at all and, as her mother urged her, broke forth in tears. This sudden fear was so different from her former eagerness that her mother could not understand it until she noticed the boatman's call.

He was crying: "Come along! Come along! Hide clear round the pond. Only 5 cents for ladies and gents! Children thrown in!"

**Apples as Omens.**  
 In parts of England many quaint superstitions still center round the apple. Apples hung on strings and twirled before the fire are said to fall off in the order that the marriages of the various owners will proceed. An apple eaten before a looking glass is supposed to give a view of the inquirer's future husband, who will be seen peeping over lady's shoulder. Peck safely taken from an apple, tossed three times round the head and thrown to the ground unbroken forms the first letter of a future lover's name. A more recent, though hardly more serious, custom necessitates a bowl of water in which are floating a number of apples. Mothers must drop forks into the bowl from a distance of about four feet. If the fork pierces an apple the feat is believed to protect the performer's children from catching cold.—London Scraps.

**Early English Scare.**  
 In 1379 a report was circulated that "certain galleys, with a multitude of armed men therein, were lying off the foreland of Thanet," and an order was at once issued that "every night watch shall be kept between the Tower of London and Billingsgate, with forty men at arms and sixty archers." The watch was kept in the following order: Tuesday, the drapers and the tailors; Wednesday, the mercers and the apothecaries; Thursday, the fishmongers and the butchers; Friday, the pewterers and the vintners; Saturday, the goldsmiths and the saddlers; Sunday, the ironmongers, the armorers and the cutlers; Monday, the tawers, the spurriers, the bowyers and the glaziers. Even in 1616 pirate vessels were captured off the Kentish coast, between Broadstairs and Margate.—London Chronicle.

**The Label Language.**  
 "There's a language in hotel labels, the same as in stamps or flowers," said a courier. "All over Europe the hotel porters paste the hotel labels on your trunks in such a way that the porters in future towns will know what sort of a tipper you are." "Up at the top of the trunk the label means you are generous. In the middle it means you're a middling sort. Down very low it means you are no good."

**Willing to Help.**  
 "Ma, what are the folks in our church gettin' up a subscription for?" "To send our minister on a vacation to Europe." "Won't there be no church services while he's gone?" "No, dear." "Ma, I got \$1.23 in my bank. Can I give that?"—Cleveland Leader.


**Franklin and the Balloon.**  
 When the balloon was first discovered some one said to Franklin, "What will ever come of it?" Franklin pointed to a baby in its cradle and said, "And what will ever come of that?"

**A Truthful Sign.**  
 Mr. Longear—By the way, did you ever know that large ears are a sign of generosity? Miss Beant—Of course, Mr. Longear. They are a sign that nature has been generous.


**The Spelling Class.**  
 Teacher—Spell coincidence, Willie. Willie—I can't spell it, but I can tell what it means. Teacher—Well, then, what does it mean? Willie—Twins.—Judge.

He who relies on posterity to do him justice will not feel the pain of disappointment.—Puck.

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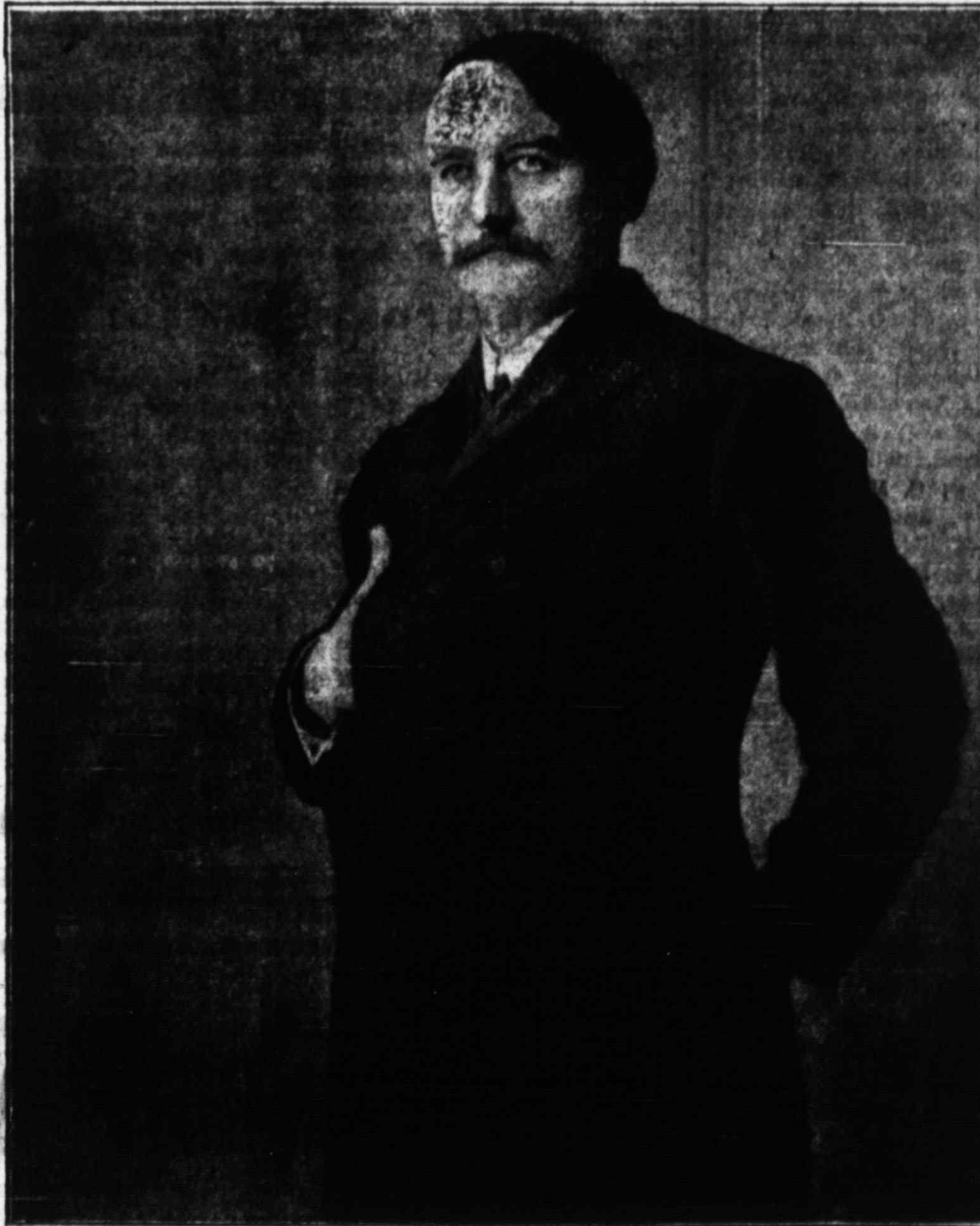
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## HUDSON'S LAST VOYAGE.

Was Set Adrift in a Small Boat By Mutineers.

[From Collier's Weekly]

In the spring of 1610 a number of English gentlemen fitted out Hudson with a ship, which he named the Discovery, and he set out again. He crossed the North Atlantic, and, on the 2nd day of August entered the great bay from which he was never to come out and which now bears his name. Here he was overtaken by the terrible winter of the north and imprisoned by the ice for months, during which the stock of provisions was nearly consumed. Hudson thought it wise to keep some of the provisions in his own cabin to be distributed in the smaller quantities which would sustain life, and, seizing as a pretext the accusation that he was not making a fair apportionment, some of his men resolved upon a course more barbarous than outright murder.

When the plan was mature, Hudson was summoned from his cabin, and as he stepped to the deck was seized from behind and his arms were pinioned. In company with seven sick and maimed men and one boy, he was put into a small shallop attached to the stern of the unfortunate Discoverer.

The sails of the ship were hoisted and for a short time the shallop was dragged at the stern, with Hudson sitting patient and immovable. There was hesitancy on the part of the mutineers as to who should actually cut the rope. At last some one's hand did cut it; the shallop dropped astern. Such was the end of Henry Hudson. In an open boat with his eight companions, he was left to make that mysterious of all voyages, not knowing that the gloomy waters, which were to be his grave, should forever bear his name, not knowing that the river he discovered should be called the 'Hudson,' and that, three centuries later, millions of people would unite to do him honor.

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**PERSONAL MENTION**

J. W. Green left today for Abilene.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carlton left for Dallas today.  
 J. E. Stokes is in Baird, Tex., on a visit to relatives.  
 Mrs. Jeff Davis and daughter of this city have moved to Amarillo.  
 Judge B. M. Britian of Seymour, was in the city today visiting relatives.  
 Mrs. J. T. Conn of Ada, Okla., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. R. E. Huff.  
 J. M. Faubion of Burkburnett, was transacting business in the city today.  
 Misses Grace and May Snearly of Henrietta, are in the city the guests of friends.  
 Mrs. Dave Gallagher of this city, left today for Grandbury, Tex., to visit relatives.  
 L. F. Wilson of Kansas City, was in the city today en route to his ranch in Archer County.  
 The Misses Robinson of Iowa Park, who have been visiting in the city, returned home today.  
 County Commissioner W. S. Burnett of Burkburnett, was transacting business here today.  
 B. F. Suter, a prominent citizen of Bandlett, Okla., is here today looking after business interests.  
 Joe Wolf, a prominent stockman from Charlie, Tex., was shaking hands with friends here today.  
 Prof. Lee Clark, superintendent of the Iowa Park public school, was a visitor in the city today.  
 Joe Kierst, one of Wichita County's substantial farmers, was in the city today, transacting business.  
 J. M. Gardner and T. J. Edwards of Fort Worth passed through here today on their way to Byers.  
 W. J. Daugherty of New Castle, Ind., who has been visiting relatives in the city, left for his home today.  
 Tax Assessor J. H. McCullough of Brazos County, was in the city today enroute to Olney to visit relatives.  
 Miss Louise Johnson of Petrolia, who has been visiting relatives in this city, returned to her home this evening.  
 Barton White, who has been with the Palace Drug Company, left yesterday for Dallas, where he will enter the Texas Dental College.  
 Eli Bowser, who is with the Denver at Childress, passed through here today on his way to Hunt County, where he will spend his vacation.  
 J. C. Eisenbrant, an oil man from Beaumont, Tex., passed through the city today on his way to Fort Worth from the oil fields at Petrolia.  
 Messrs. Henry Brockreider, Aug. Mertins and Fred Thom, well-to-do farmers from near Iowa Park, were transacting business in the city today.  
 Mrs. C. H. Storms and daughter, Miss Marie of Fort Worth, who have been in the city the guests of Mrs. C. W. Bean, left for their home this evening.



**LOOK OVER**

**Mater-Walker DRUG COMPANY**

Rev. G. W. Elshelberger and C. W. Crook arrived in the city at noon to be present at the prohibition meeting to be held at the court house tonight.  
 Rev. George R. Stuart, who will lecture here tomorrow and Sterling P. Strong passed through the city today on their way to Bowie, where they will lecture tonight.  
 Mrs. R. R. Hamlin and children, wife of R. R. Hamlin, pastor of the Christian church, arrived in the city yesterday from Fort Worth and are at home at 1006 Austin Avenue.  
 G. L. Groves, the newly appointed trainmaster at Childress, who succeeded Mr. Fitzpatrick, leaves for Fort Worth in the morning to meet General Superintendent H. A. Gausewitz.  
 L. E. Gage of Corpus Christi, is in the city and has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Hickman Lumber Company. Mr. Gage's family will arrive here in a short time and, we are glad to say, will become permanent citizens of Wichita Falls.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS**

At the St. James.  
 H. D. Ratliff, Fort Worth; T. D. Cox, Dallas; L. C. L. Duvall, Waco; Eli H. Inghram, Wichita Kan.; Geo. H. Byrne, Shreveport; Edw. B. Shelton, St. Louis; J. T. Williams, St. Louis; J. H. Stuart, Vernon; Wm. Campbell Jr. St. Louis; Geo. Sickel, St. Joseph; S. M. Lawson, Fort Worth; Jno. J. Holland, Dallas; Miss Lowmy, Holliday; T. A. Phillips, St. Louis; Edward Anderson, Dallas; R. A. Fordan, Childress; O. C. Atlers, K. C. Mo.; I. J. Clark, Chicago; E. O. Hasinbiller, Chicago; Jno. T. Matthew, Dallas; R. W. Dunn, N. Y.; H. R. Butz, and wife, Chicago; Jno. O. Burns, Dallas; Miss Maud Stone, San Antonio; C. R. Eisele, Childress; W. C. Walker, Fort Worth; E. J. Valentine, Ft Worth; R. P. Neeley, Bowie; A. Dean, Elk City; W. C. Ryan, Childress; J. V. Rosom, Longview; C. Miller, Dallas; L. E. Van Liew, Kansas City Mo.; A. H. Kimberling and wife, Paducah, Ky.; H. H. Reld, Detroit, Mich.; H. C. Martin, Boulder, Colo.; Rolland J. Rucker, Hereford, Tex.; G. W. Eichelberger, Fort Worth; P. E. Kaigler Denison, Tex.; James N. Wilkinson, Fort Worth; Dr. W. R. Newton, Fort Worth; B. A. Rice, Memphis, Tenn.; I. T. Fuller, Kansas City, Mo.; F. G. Tucker, Sioux City, Ia.  
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**THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH**

**Cotton—Liverpool.**  
 Liverpool, Oct. 2.—Spot cotton, 7.35; sales, 10,000 bales; receipts, 2,000 bales.  
 The market for future cotton opened and closed steady.

	Open	High	Close
Oct-Nov	7.06½	7.06½	7.05
Nov-Dec	7.02	7.02	7.01½
Dec-Jan	7.0	7.01	7.01
Jan-Feb	7.00	7.00½	7.00½

**Cotton—New Orleans Spots.**  
 New Orleans, Oct. 2.—Market for spot cotton opened steady with prices unchanged; middling, 13 3-16. Sales, 1525 bales. To arrive 1100 bales. On contract, 100 bales.

**Cotton—New Orleans Futures.**  
 The market for future cotton opened and closed steady.

	Open	High	Close
Oct	13.12	13.15	13.07-a 09
Dec	13.22	13.26	13.22-a 23
Jan	13.33	13.34	13.32-a 33
Mar	13.54	13.55	13.52-a 53

**Cotton—New York Spots.**  
 New York, Oct. 2.—Market for spot cotton opened quiet and five points higher. Middling, 12.60. No sales reported.

**Cotton—New York Futures.**  
 The market for future cotton opened and closed steady.

	Open	High	Close
Oct	13.31	13.39	13.25-a 26
Dec	13.41	13.42	13.36-a 37
Jan	13.36	13.38	13.31-a 32
Mar	13.42	13.45	13.40-a 41

**Chicago Grain Market.**

	Open	High	Close
Wheat	99½	100½	100½
May	102½	102½	102½
Corn	56½	57½	57
Dec	59½	60	60
Oats	38½	39½	39½
May	41½	42½	42½

**Fort Worth Cattle.**  
 Fort Worth, Oct. 2.—Cattle, 300; hogs, 1000; steers, steady, tops \$4.00; cows, steady, tops \$3.30; calves, steady, tops \$5.00; hogs, steady, tops \$7.50.

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