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MINERALOGICAL NOTES.

BY GEORGE L. ENGLISH.

Dumortierite, a very interesting mineral species, was originally described in Beaunan, valley of the Azevon, near Lyons, France. M. Damour, in 1845, showed it to be a silicate of aluminum, and M. Bertrand found that it has distinctive optical characters similar to those of Andalusite. It has a bright blue color, not unlike Cyanite or Sodalite, and a specific gravity of 3.36. Several years prior to its discovery in France, Dumortierite was found in New York City, but no analysis or description of the material was published and the fact of its occurrence there was known to only a few. In the Spring of the present year the mineral was re-discovered, and for a time it was supposed to be Indicolite. Specimens were sent to the U. S. Geological Survey at Washington, and the mineral was analyzed and named Harlemitite. Subsequently specimens were sent to Yale University and the identity of the mineral with the French Dumortierite was at once established. Scarcely had the announcement of the mineral from New York City been made when the U. S. Geological Survey received specimens from Yuma Co., Arizona, which upon analysis, proved to be Dumortierite. The habit of the mineral varies considerably at several localities. In France it occurs in small crystalline grains disseminated through a gneiss rock. In New York City it is also in a coarse gneiss, but in masses or acicular crystals; while in Arizona it occurs in a crumbly granular quartz, either in little crystalline masses, or in radiations, having a much more

satiny lustre than the New York mineral. Dumortierite occurs but sparingly in each of these localities, but, while it is too rare a mineral to find its way into many cabinets, its variation is so interesting that it is hoped that a full scientific description of these two new occurrences may be published.

PHENACITE.—The largest and finest specimens of the Colorado prismatic Phenacites ever found, have recently been received in Philadelphia. Two of the crystals are about three-fourths of an inch in diameter, one of them being pure white and the other a very pale and delicate brown tint. These specimens are from the summit of Mt. Antero and have the prismatic faces less highly developed than the specimens from White Mountain.

Utahite is a new mineral species, described by Arzruni, from the Eureka Hill mine, Jaub Co., Utah. It occurs on a very hard quartzite, forming a crystalline crust, which the microscope shows to be composed of minute crystals. These have a rich yellow or brown color and a silky lustre. In form they are hexagonal prisms with rhombohedral planes on the alternate angles.

Scorodite, a hydrous arseniate of iron, has been found sparingly in the Tintic District, Utah. It has the peculiar "pale leek-green," so characteristic of the specimens from Cornwall, England; but instead of having the dull, drasy appearance of the Cornwall mineral, it occurs in very brilliant crystals. It is closely associated with Enargite.

Libethenite has been recognized in microscopic crystals on a few specimens from the American Eagle Mine, Utah. So rare is it, however, that not enough

material could be secured for analysis. It has the correct cry-tallographic form and color, and but little doubt can be entertained of the identity of the mineral.

Borickite, a very rare hydrous phosphate of iron and calcium, found hitherto only at Leoben in Styria, and at Menacovic in Bohemia, has recently been identified in the Tintic District, Utah. It occurs only massive, has a reddish to chocolate-brown color, a hardness of 3.5, and specific gravity of about 2.7.

BERTRANDITE.—A note on this interesting species and a recent find of specimens will appear next month—*Exchangers' Monthly*.

A Louisiana Oak.

BY R. A. WALLACE.

Throughout the entire area of Bouff river swamp is presented to the traveler's eye groups of cow oaks, a species of the white oak family, which, when they put forth their verdant foliage, form the most beautiful groves imaginable. In appearance, and utility as a timber tree, it is one of the most prominent that has been brought out in nature's grand array of scenery to grace this stupendous forest. For its field of reproduction, there has been allotted to it, the table lands, which are raised from three to five feet above the surrounding grounds. It has a tolerably smooth, white, furrowed bark; it is, on an average about eighty feet in altitude; about three feet in diameter, though larger ones are quite numerous.

For a big tree it has very neatly formed branches, with a broad, solidly formed, green leaf, which has no other peculiarities than well formed notches around the edge with a stem about three inches long, bringing out in all its combinations a well developed conical top, which being added to its erect body of about forty

feet makes it one of the most imposing spectacles that adorns these woods.

Aside from its stately qualifications it bears the largest acorns found anywhere in this locality; which are so famously known to stock men, for the making cows draw up so badly that feed upon them. I have seen naked kernels among them that were fully an inch long and three-fourths as much the other way. Like most others, it grows in a cup, out of which it drops to the ground when it has reached its full maturity. It cannot withstand much hard weather and as a rule it is not much fitting to eat after Christmas. I have noticed that cows will not eat them at all, when the other varieties hit well. In fact nothing but horses will touch them when there are plenty of others.

Last but not least, this valuable tree makes the best timber for practical purposes of all the oaks, unless it would be the white oak. It is very durable, and makes good fencing, rails, pickets, plow stock, wagon timber, etc., etc., etc. The saplings of it makes good baskets, which is an article that nothing else in the swamp will make. There have been several rafts of cow oak staves run out of Bouff river to New Orleans, La., but the supply remains comparatively untouched.

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Perhaps we might say "a new counterfeit," but it is really, also dangerous. The specimen imitated is the Postoffice stamp of St. Louis, 5 cent, and counter-acts one of the retouched dies. The plate is very evidently a steel one and is executed with great care and nicety. The trouble is, it is too perfect, the lines are too fine. In the original the lines are bold and very decisive. It of course has the look of freshness and newness, which with the fact that the lines are finer and lighter, is its only means of detection. Persons having any St. Louis stamps offered them should ask leave to send it to some competent judge to decide its genuineness, before buying. John K. Tiffany or E. A. Holton are perfectly competent, and have had a good deal of experience with this especial stamp. Look out now, and be careful.

Geo. F. Coffin, of Freeport, Me., was recently arrested for defrauding stamp dealers of their property and fraudulently using the mails. How many lessons is it necessary to have to show that this way of sending for sheets and making no returns, won't go down?

Stamp collecting is having a big boom this fall; trade is very lively. Collectors should secure the agency of some good line and make a little on the commissions this winter.

The \$60 Periodical, used, 1874, sold in New York for \$33.00. This is the highest this specimens realized for many years.

Mr. Wm. B. Hale has bought the well known Berendshon collection, which he will place on his approval trade.

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BY WILLIAM B. HALE.

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he jobber gets a good profit and if any one has the profit to back it is the abused collector. The fact that a reprint is so near the original that few can tell the difference is no better an argument in its favor than the statement of Allen Taylor, the counterfeiter, who said "as but few of my patrons (mostly beginners) know the difference, it makes no difference whether a stamp is genuine or not." Any one does not like to get impositions for his money and it is but a little odds how he is cheated. "Let the reprint die."

The finest large garnet crystal ever found, perhaps, in the United States, was discovered, strange though it may seem, in the midst of the solid-built portion of New York City. It was brought to light by a laborer excavating for a sewer in West 35th Street, between Broadway and Seventh Ave., in August 1885.

CURIOSITY DEPARTMENT

Conducted by F. R. Stearns, Elkader,

Italian astronomers place the age of the world at no less than 80,000,000 years.

Some of the ferns of the Carboniferous age grew to the height of forty and fifty feet.

In the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky Epsom salt adheres to the roof in loose masses like snowballs.

Several teeth of a mastodon have been found near the Alafia river, in Florida. One of them weighed over seven pounds.

A petrified fish about 17½ inches long and six inches thick has been found on the Oregon mountain 3,000 feet above the sea level.

In the island of San Domingo there is a remarkable salt mountain, a mass of crystalline salt nearly four miles long, estimated to contain 89,231,600 tons, and said to be so clear that type can be read through a block a foot thick.

The water of the so-called medicinal lake near Spokane is so charged with certain salts that it is like lye, and is used in making soap. When the wind blows, the waves soon make soapsuds. In the water, the froth or lather piling up in masses along the shore.

A big bone, which local physicians at Carson, Nevada, say is a portion of a leg of a man below the knee, was recently found near Genoa, Nevada. It was two feet long, and at the point where it joined the knee was eight inches across, or five times the usual size. If the man who owned the bone was built in proportion, he must have been about 25 feet high. An active search is being made for the rest of the skeleton.

In the age in which we live, the most possible is every day losing ground.

The Dog Knew His Deer.

By far the most interesting part of his hunt to me is yet to come. The voices of the two dogs as they passed along the mountain had been recognized by the owner and both claimed the deer. Such things have been known to cause a bitter feud. One was sure it was his dog and the other was just as sure it was his, but the question of most importance to be settled was which of the dogs started the deer? The deer was brought on shore and laid on the green sward, where even the ladies, gentle creatures, admired it. Soon the boat arrived with the two dogs, and one of the old hunters cried out, "Send those hounds up here and let us see whose deer this is." Never having heard so strange a story, I half in doubt, said "What nonsense is that you are talking?" "No nonsense, doctor, wait and see."

Being deeply interested I approached closely, that I might better observe the animals. One of them walked up to the deer, smelt him all over, and seemed quite in doubt. Then the other dog came up with an angry growl, smelt the deer, and deliberately laid himself down by the animal, while the first dog quietly placed his tail between his legs and walked away. I could not help expressing my amazement, and still doubting the fact I said to my old guide, "That dog that is lying by the deer has been the master of the other and has cowed him." "On the contrary," said my informant, "the dog that gave up the deer is the better fighter and whips that dog every time."

We learned during the day that the deer had been started ten miles down the river by the dog that claimed it, and the sound of his voice drew the other one, about four miles below the lake; confirming the test and proving the wonderful instinct of the hound.—*Forest and Stream.*

"God Bless the Fishes of the Sea."

Little Carl, our bright-eyed, happy-faced, sunny-tempered boy of 10, had been fishing. He came home jubilant over the fact of having caught five rock bass.

His mother told me Carl said his prayers as usual that night and went to bed. Pretty soon he called out: "O, mamma, one poor little fish was hurt dreadfully. The hook was fastened in so tight that I couldn't pull it out, and another boy had to do it for me. The little fish's body was all torn and bleeding. O, mamma, it was just awful! How it must have hurt! I felt so sorry that I put it right back into the water."

Later in the evening, when kneeling for my own devotions, I heard a rustling of the bedclothes in Carl's room, and, supposing my boy was asleep, I raised my head to see what the noise meant, and there was the little fellow down by the foot of the bed with closed eyes and uplifted hands, and I heard him say, "O, Lord, bless the fowls of the air, the beasts of the field, and the fishes of the sea."

Still the little form lingered by the bedside, and I heard the sweet voice pleading, "Dear Father in heaven, bless the fishes of the sea." Then he crept silently into bed and was soon lost in childhood's happy slumber.

Dear little Carl! As he grows older may he remember that

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THE OHIO MOUNDS.

Prof. Putnam Resumes His Researches—
The Intrusion on His Ground.

The importance of the researches among the remains of the mound builders in Ohio, conducted by Prof. Putnam, of the Peabody Museum, at Cambridge, has been handsomely recognized by the Council of the American Association for the advancement of Science, which, at the Cleveland meeting just closed, has made a grant to him of the income of the small research fund of the Association for the past year, amounting to \$200, in aid of the investigations about the Serpent Mound. This grant was made at the request of the anthropological section of the Association after Prof. Putnam had read a paper on the Serpent Mound and its surroundings; a practical testimonial to the appreciation of the value of the work. The research fund is derived from the life memberships of the association. Prof. Putnam has left Cleveland for the Serpent Mound, and expects to resume his explorations there at once, remaining until the middle of October. Mrs. Putnam will be with him, and probably Dr. C. C. Abbott, the archaeologist who discovered the important evidences of the human occupation of the Delaware Valley, at Trenton, N. J., before the close of the glacial period. Several other archaeologists propose visiting Prof. Putnam's camp during the next month.

The Serpent Mound Park, which is owned by the Peabody Museum, is being put into beautiful condition, and is a place worthy a visit by tourists. The people of Ohio are taking much interest in Professor Putnam's work, and it is hoped that the example set by the Peabody Museum, in saving the Serpent Mound will so arouse their state pride during this Centennial year, as to induce some action by the legislature for the preservation of the other grand relics of prehistoric times that give Ohio a series of ancient ruins sufficient to confer the rank of venerable antiquity upon her. It is felt that the preservation of these monuments of a vanished people would be

the most fitting memorial which the State could devise in honor of her Centennial year.

The region which Prof. Putnam had mapped out as the field for his explorations in Ohio comprises the territory between Cincinnati and Portsmouth, on the Ohio river, forming a tract bounded on the west by the Little Miami and on the east by the Scioto

Rivers, and including the valleys of Paint Creek and Brush Creek. On the Little Miami, not far northerly from Cincinnati, is the Turner group of ruins, in the valley of Brush Creek and its tributaries are the Serpent Mound and Fort Hill, and in the Scioto Valley are the Liberty group and the "High Bank" ruins. Prof. Putnam's explorations are conducted in a most methodical and exact manner, and for other parties to rummage over the ground is likely to interfere seriously with his results. As the rest of the State is just as important and just as rich, it is felt that there is plenty of room for all explorations, which it would be easy to conduct so as to make their results mutually helpful. Therefore the intrusion of the party of Prof. Cyrus F. Thomas of the U. S. Bureau of Ethnology upon this ground has aroused much indignation among scientists. Prof. Thomas' men are now at work in the Scioto Valley. Unless the scientific rights of Prof. Putnam are respected, it is proposed to call the attention of Congress to the fact and seek action which shall prevent the use of public money appropriated for scientific investigations in interference with other scientific enterprises. It has been suggested that an archaeological conference, at which the various parties and interests engaged in American explorations should meet, might be of great service in avoiding such difficulties as the present by agreeing upon a general plan of work, mapping out and apportioning the territory so that there should be no interference and all should be mutually cooperative in working toward the common end of throwing the desired light upon the past of mankind in the Western world.

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Don't be a grumbler.
Don't try to get ahead of time.
Extravagance is not generosity.

Truth is like a torch; when shaken it shines.

To do so no more is the truest repentance.

There is a vast deal of vital air in loving words.

Were words ideas, what an ideal world this would be.

Character is a diamond that scratches every other stone.

A friend without discretion is more to be feared than an enemy in armor.

Be gentle! The sea is held in check, not by a wall of brick, but by a beach of sand.

Abuse may not be criticism, but sometimes the latter sounds very much like the former.

No consciousness of rectitude will entirely take away the sting of being cruelly misjudged.

A man who is willing to enter society as a beneficiary is mean, and does not deserve recognition.

There are fewer sadder sights in this world than that of mates whom the passage of years have mis-mated.

Society is not very particular what a man does, so that it proves him to be a man; it will then bow to him and make room for him.

When the storms of life are upon us, we forget that they pass successively away; and when they are gone, we wonder that we should not have been

The load was not very heavy after getting under way over the smooth, hard snow. We went on at a good pace and had accomplished half a mile from the

place where the accident occurred, when chancing to look back, I saw four or five animals about the spot, scrambling and apparently fighting with each other. I mentioned it to Lars. With an effort he turned to look back.

"They're wolves," he said. "Get to camp as fast as you can!"

The brutes had sneaked from some covert in the timber as soon as we had started, and were licking the blood off the snow. They might even have been in pursuit of the doe, the cause of our misfortune.

As we had frequently seen them while but trapping, I did not at first feel much alarmed. But soon a series of prolonged howls from behind warned us that, maddened by extreme hunger and the taste of blood they were in pursuit, and that others were joining in the chase, coming out from the timber as we hurried along. I glanced at Lars. His face was very white, but he grasped his rifle firmly.

I now fully realized our peril and put forth my utmost efforts.

The country was half-open here. I heard that it is the habit of wolves, when in large numbers, to try to surround their prey. I was certain that was what they meant to do if they could come up with us. Moreover, I soon found that they were gaining, in spite of my exertions.

We had covered hardly more than a mile and a half of the distance, when in going over some concealed shrub, where the snow was shallow, the sled broke through and threw me down.

I thought it was all over with us then, but I was not entangled, nor was anything broken, and scrambling to my feet, I jerked the sled out of the snow and was off again in a twinkling. But the howls of the pack had come fearfully nearer.

"Fly to camp, mine friend! Fly to camp! Don't mind me!" the brave Norwegian now exclaimed, as we dashed along. "They'll have us both. But drop me and you can get to the camp."

"Fire back into them!" I panted, for I felt ready to drop.

Lars managed to turn around and discharged his rifle, and at this unexpected salute the oncoming pack halted for a moment. This gave us a little time and

Merry Knights of the Pestle.

Drug clerks, merry dogs and cats among themselves at poor sick people. It is of little use watching a drug clerk face to seek sympathy. He never gives any. He may know that the doctor, giving you a "fill," so to speak, is dosing you with harmless stuff that kept people who only think they're sick, or he may know it is dangerous to you complaint. But he never gives either you or the doctor away. But a drug store clerk can lie in private conversation to an extent only equaled by a politician or a member of the Geographical Society. In the quiet evening when the trade is dull, the drug clerk has friends who drop in and sit at the back of the store, drinking what is marked as distilled water but smells like gin, or some liquor with burnt sugar in it that smells like some of those empty bottles that one sees behind a bar, and telling stories. They were talking of "judgments" and things, a curious subject for drug clerks.

"I don't much believe in judgments," said the drug clerk. "I went once with a party on a night trip. We had a mule and a mule-driver, and you know how a mule-driver can swear. You've heard of the fellow who wasn't equal to the occasion, and the other fellow who fired off his revolver as the only possible display that could express his feelings. They weren't a circumstance to this mule-driver. There came on a terrific thunder-storm, and the lightning was playing around very lively. The mule got scared; but the mule-driver was equal to the occasion, and he even addressed strong language to the sky. He was blasphemous indeed. One

it is no miracle that olive oil should be squeezed out of a peanut than that Java coffee should be ground out of the chicory root, or that black pepper be only another name for pulverized

nut shells. Science is making such rapid stride helping us in our gastronomic need that nature herself must get out of the way or she will be run over. Even the poor honey bee was accused, not of laziness, for that would have been too palpable an injustice, but of being too slow and spending too much time over the clover heads.

"I will remedy all that," said Science. And she did. Shutting up the bees, she knocked the head out of a barrel of glucose and told them to go to work and help themselves, which they did faithfully. Their long journeys to and from the flowery fields being done away with, they had nothing to interfere with their getting down to actual business. The scheme was a success, for the honey was piled into the combs in treble abundance and in one-third the usual time.

And yet Science wasn't satisfied. Greedily she put her wits to work. "What's the use of going to the expense of buying bees? I can make the comb quicker and quite as well as they; and as for the honey—well, glucose is honey!"

And so the occupation of the honey bee being gone, so far as it had any hand in what is known as the "honey of commerce," it now confines itself in a small way to home manufacture, samples of which, if the reader particularly wants, he must particularly search for. — *Washington Star.*

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THE Empress of Russia has not recovered from the shock caused to her nerves by the recent railroad accident in which she so nearly lost her life. She cannot sleep, and grave fears are entertained that her health has been permanently injured.

PROF. CHANDLER ROBERTS, the English chemist, has been analyzing the smoke cloud which perpetually hangs over London. He estimates that it contains about fifty tons of solid carbon in gaseous combination. The expense of this waste of coal is figured at \$13,000,000 annually.

In Cabinet circles at Washington there are two debutantes this season, Miss Nellie Bayard and Miss Garland. Miss Bayard will be introduced to society at a coming reception at the Secretary's residence. She is described as slender and graceful, like her sisters, and also, like them, a famous equestrienne.

THE fantastic volume entitled "La Guerre de Demain," written by Captain Danrit, a transparent pseudonyme adopted by General Boulanger's new son-in-law, caused the enthusiastic young author to be placed under arrest for one month on the technical charge of "publishing a book without authority," a terrible offense in the eyes of the French Minister of War.

PROBABLY the only man in Portland, Oregon, who found enough in his Thanksgiving turkey to pay for it was Dan J. Moore, of the Pioneer Wood Yard. He paid \$3.50 for a nice big turkey, and when the Chinaman was dressing it he remarked: "Turkey heap rich," and exhibited a \$5 piece which he had found in its gizzard. The coin was worn rather thin from the friction with the gravel which all well-regulated turkeys use as a specific for indigestion. It is better to be born lucky than rich.

There are over 300 maids and in New York City whose fortunes range from \$100,000 to \$15,000,000.

Rev. H. C. Du Bose says if we put a thousand missionaries into the world immediately, we should see "a new world born in a day."

The co-operative movement known as the Colored Farmers' Alliance appears to be growing. It has begun the publication of an official organ at Oxford, N. C., called the *Alliance Advocate*.

The discovery has just been made that Daniel Boone was once a member of the Virginia Legislature. His many biographers never suspected it, and he is now reserved for a newspaper man to bring it to light.

In the large cities the custom of selling fruit by auction. Oranges, lemons and grapes are sold in New York city to the highest bidder, and in a limited way the same custom prevails in Boston. The Florida shippers are the latest converts to the auction idea.

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IF I HAD KNOWN.

If I had known, when last I touched the fin-

Of his loved so well,
That no again their clinging clasp would
thrill me

With love's strange spell,
I had not been so careless in my greeting,
So free to say farewell—

If I had known!

If I had known at low voice, sad and tender,

That pleaded for the word,
One little word to carry as love's token,
Would ne'er be heard.

Till life were past, my heart then cold and
careless,

How might it have been stirred—
If I had known!

If I had known! Ah! hopes, sad reflection,

Thus late, it brings no cheer.

If I had known how soon cold death would
silence

The voice so dear;
Had shewn some little of the love I cher-
ished,

Life were not now so drear—
If I had known!

—M. C. Brown, in *Yankee Blade*.

A RUN FOR LIFE.

When I was a boy, all my near relatives thought that I was "cut out" for a Methodist minister. Upon what particular traits of my character they based their opinion I cannot say, for I am not able to affirm with truth that my general deportment was to be recommended as a model for other boys to follow. Perhaps it was because my face had a naturally solemn and wise expression.

Be that as it may, at the suggestion and with the advice of my far seeing relatives, I was brought up to regard the Methodist ministry as the goal of my studies, and with commendable ardor my father, who was not wealthy, lent every effort to the attainment of this object. In consequence of the too great zeal with which I seconded their views, I found myself at twenty with health much impaired, and mind weakened to a degree that unfitted me for further study.

old sled. We followed the smooth, ice-bound river, which, as but little snow had fallen, furnished a good roadway.

It was a long day's tramp. It was getting late when we arrived at the place settled upon for a camp. Nothing could be done that night, beyond throwing up a temporary shelter of saplings and evergreen boughs, beneath which we crawled with our robes and blankets, and with our feet to a big fire of dry pine logs, slept till morning. That is to say, Lars slept, but the unusual and lonely situation drove sleep from my eyes for many hours.

Bingo, poor beast, was hitched in a birch thicket a little way off, where he browsed diligently.

We lost no time in selecting a site for our winter camp. At the end of two days, with Bingo's help in drawing the logs into place, we had constructed a comfortable hut, its chinks tightly calked with moss to keep out the sifting snow, which, in that cold region, usually falls in fine, dry crystals. Against the back side of the hut we also threw up a rough "lean-to" for Bingo's accommodation.

After getting our camp in order, we turned our attention to business. Lars set all the steel traps which we had brought. About the lake shore and along the river he constructed "dead falls" for mink, martin and otter. A few otter had been captured by the Norwegian the previous winter, but they were exceedingly shy, and not abundant.

For three or four weeks but little snow fell. There was just enough to make the ground excellent for tracking game, and we were successful in securing quite a pack of fur—two of the coveted otter skins among others.

We had trapped several wolves, too, which proved that there were numbers of them about us. Yet as Lars had exhibited no fears concerning them, I felt none. Several times, on our long snowshoe tramps across the country, we had caught sight of them running with great swiftness, but we could never come near enough for a shot.

At length the snow began to come down in earnest nearly every day. The cold was intense. We had been down to my uncle's camp once for supplies and for the mail, which was brought in occasionally by one of the men.

I was thoroughly at home on ice-skates, it was some time, with Lars's teaching, before I could keep pace with him.

After getting a little away back from the lake, the country was open, with the exception of strips of timber, bordering the streams. Upon the banks of two of these, we decided to set some of the traps, which had been taking nothing about the lake for several days.

In the afternoon I started a doe, in a broad strip of timber, near a creek. As it bounded off over the snow I fired, but missed. Scarcely had the report been heard when my companion's rifle cracked, and at the same moment I heard him cry out sharply, as if in distress.

Much alarmed, I hastened in the direction of the sounds, and found that a most distressing accident had happened. The doe had run toward Lars, who, while skimming along to get a nearer and more effective shot, had broken through the snow which had drifted over some small shrubs. His rifle was discharged as he fell forward, and the bullet had entered his left ankle, making a terrible wound.

Lars Bjork was a man of much courage and as stoical as an Indian, but the pain was so great that he swooned dead away. I, on my part, was so overcome, that for a moment I lost my head entirely and could do nothing. But Lars soon recovered consciousness and instructed me how to bandage the limb and stop the flow of blood.

How to get him to camp was the next question. In this matter, too, Lars's brain was more fertile than mine. Some sort of hand-sled, he declared, must be improvised, and I must go to camp, which was about three miles distant, after the axe, auger and ropes.

I disliked to leave him alone, in his distress, but there was no other way: so, after providing him with a bed of boughs, I started off, and as I had now become expert in the use of those wonderful sleds, in less than an hour I had made the trip and was back again.

Obedient Lars's direction, I now cut two birch saplings, having natural crooks, for runners, and smoothed them off with the axe. Then I bored holes and put in cross-bars. Upon these I laid boughs and one of the robes which I had brought from camp. The sled was now ready, and my wounded companion managed to crawl upon it.

The load was not very heavy after getting under way over the smooth, hard snow. We went on at a good pace and had accomplished half a mile from the

I made the most of it, as we had not gone fifty yards farther before the troop were again in full cry; and although he continued to fire as fast as he could reload, the ravenous brutes now paid no attention to the reports.

But at last, and, as it chanced, with his final cartridge, he hit one of the foremost of the pack. The creature fell, and immediately the others set upon him after the manner of wolves. This again gave us a little start. Yet they quickly tore their wounded fellow to pieces and were after us again, more greedy than ever, before we had got out of their sight among the scattered timber. Then I thought of a fox which we had trapped, and I had tossed under the robe beside Lars, at starting.

"That fox!" I gasped. "Pitch that out!"

Overboard went the precious gray fox. Then on—on—on, for life again. But we were within twenny rods of camp now, and with a fresh spurt I dashed for the door and reaching it, ran inside, sled and all, at one final leap.

The door was slammed to and barred; and mad at our escape, the hungry creatures dashed themselves against it, like a foaming sea-wave.

But we were safe. I dropped upon the camp floor exhausted.

Till nearly midnight the famished animals raged about the hut. Then a little later we heard a sudden and most appalling outcry. But it was as quickly hushed. The wolves had broken into the "lean-to."

Poor Bingo! There was nothing left of him to tell of his fate.

In the morning all was quiet. I took Lars, who had passed a night of agony, on the sled, and again set off down the river toward my uncle's camp which we reached about noon. The Norwegian was taken home and ultimately recovered.

Next day I went back to our camp with two of the men, and brought out our furs and traps. But I had no further desire to hunt that winter.—*Youth's Companion.*

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THE Empress of Russia has not recovered from the shock caused to her nerves by the recent railroad accident in which she so nearly lost her life. She cannot sleep, and grave fears are entertained that her health has been permanently injured.

PROF. CHANDLER ROBERTS, the English chemist, has been analyzing the smoke cloud which perpetually hangs over London. He estimates that it contains about fifty tons of solid carbon in gaseous combination. The expense of this waste of coal is figured at \$13,000,000 annually.

IN Cabinet circles at Washington there are two debutantes this season, Miss Nellie Bayard and Miss Garland. Miss Bayard will be introduced to society at a coming reception at the Secretary's residence. She is described as slender and graceful, like her sisters, and also, like them, a famous equestrienne.

THE fantastic volume entitled "La Guerre de Demain," written by Captain Danrit, a transparent pseudonyme adopted by General Boulanger's new son-in-law, caused the enthusiastic young author to be placed under arrest for one month on the technical charge of "publishing a book without authority," a terrible offense in the eyes of the French Minister of War.

PROBABLY the only man in Portland, Oregon, who found enough in his Thanksgiving turkey to pay for it was Dan J. Moore, of the Pioneer Wood Yard. He paid \$3.50 for a nice big turkey, and when the Chinamaa was dressing it he remarked: "Turkey heap rich," and exhibited a \$5 piece which he had found in its gizzard. The coin was worn rather thin from the friction with the gravel which all well-regulated turkeys use as a specific for indigestion. It is better to be born lucky than rich.

There are over 300 maids and in New York City whose fortunes range from \$100,000 to \$15,000,000.

Rev. H. C. Du Bose says if we put a thousand missionaries into the world immediately, we should see "a new-born in a day."

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

The surface of the earth is thirteen miles nearer to the sun at the equator than it is at New York.

The steam pipe is not as innocent as it looks, and care should be taken to surround it with proper safeguards.

Robert Stevenson, engineer, of Glasgow, Scotland, is the last one to claim an invention which will drive ocean ships up to forty knots an hour.

It has been computed that the power required to drive the teapenny nails contained in a full keg would draw a wagon load with a ton of coal fifty-two miles.

A London physician says that no two lives are alike. One man must be temperate and steady to live fifty years, while another may be ever so reckless and live to be eighty.

It is reported that all the materials needful for the manufacture of the genuine Portland cement have been discovered in Utah, and a factory for its production is to be established.

A New York physician recommends the Jewish custom of washing hands before meals as a preventive against typhoid fever. He says that contagion can be conveyed into the system by the hands.

Most of the buhach grown in California is raised around Stockton. From it Dalmatian insect powder is made, which retails at \$1 per pound. The Fresno Republican advises the farmers of California to pay more attention to its cultivation.

The yellow fever germ probably gains entrance into the body by the respiratory or alimentary tracts, or through the surface of the body, or it is possible that it multiplies in insanitary localities and develops a volatile poison which contaminates the air.

When the rosewood tree is first cut, the fresh wood exhales a very strong, roselike fragrance, which soon passes away, leaving no trace of the peculiar odor. There are several varieties of rosewood trees. The best, however, are those found in South America and the East Indies and neighboring islands.

The American Analyst has a valuable article on "Refrigerating Risk." It points out that not only is the being many articles of food injured, but that kept at too low a temperature, especially eggs, are rendered positively injurious, without showing any obvious change, by being preserved for

Opium eaters take the drug in every variety of form. In the crude state the gum is eaten or smoked. In the liquid preparations the tincture is the most popular; but paregoric is a favorite form, especially with women, while the elixirs are also largely used. Morphia holds sway over a large proportion of consumers, either by the stomach or hypodermically.

The latest method of increasing the speed of vessels is a screw which is so designed that the center lines of two following blades from spirals running in opposite directions. The blades are so curved that one has its leading part near the periphery, the other has it near the center, so that each blade cuts into the water in advance of the following. It is claimed that greater speed results.

The pneograph is a novel instrument devised by Dr. Mortimer Granville, an English physician. It consists of a delicately suspended and counterpoised half disc, with an arrangement for moving smoked paper under a tracing needle. When held over the mouth, the half disc rises and falls with the breath. The needle is thus made to trace a wavy line on the moving paper, and the character of this line indicates the force, continuity and duration of the expiration. The tracings in diverse conditions of the lungs show very marked and apparently significant differences.

Among a School of Swordfish.

Ex-County Commissioner Crandall Monday told a new fish story: "I went out the past summer from Block Island," he said, "in a steam yacht for swordfish, struck a fighting school when two hours out, and harpooned and took on board sixteen. The monsters were so thick about the vessel that she ground upon them as if she were grinding upon a ledge of rocks. Finding the boat was leaking badly we started for the Block Island wharf, and reaching there discovered that eleven that had penetrated the yacht's hull with their swords were still held securely to the vessel. These were taken in, making a total catch of twenty-seven in a day, the largest single day's catch on record."—*Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin.*

THE WEAVER'S DREAM.

He sat alone in his dark little room,
His fingers weary with his work
loom,

His eyes seeing not the threads, for
As he carefully counted the months
years

He had been a poor weaver.

Not a traveler went on the dusty high
But he thought, "He has nothing to
be gay;"

No matter how burdened or how
might be,

The weaver believed him more hap-
py,

And sighed at his weaving.

He saw not the roses, so sweet and
That looked through his window,
to be dead,

And carried away from his dark little
Wrapt up in his linen he had in his
Were better than weaving.

Just then a white angel came
skies,

And shut up his senses, and sealed
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And bore him away from his
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In a vision, and left him alone
Of his dear little daughter.

"My darling!" he cries, "what
mine!

How I sinned, having you, against
divine!

Awake! O my lost one, my sweet
And I never, as long as I live, for
Will sigh at my weaving!"

The sunset was gilding his low little
When the weaver awoke from his
the loom,

And close at his knee saw a dear
Alight with long curls—she was
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His pride and his treasure.

He winds the fine thread on the
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(At the thought of his blessing 'twice
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And sings as he weaves, for the
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centres that supply will power, exalting
their sensibility beyond normal activity,
and may even produce hysterical symp-
toms, if carried far enough. Its active
principle, theine, is an exceedingly
powerful drug, chiefly employed by
nerve specialists as a pain destroyer pos-
sessing the singular quality of working
toward the surface. That is to say,
when a dose is administered hypodermi-
cally for sciatica, for example, the nar-
cotic influence proceeds outward from the
point of injection, instead of inwards to-
ward the centers, as does that of mor-
phia, atropia, etc. Tea is totally de-
void of nutritive value, and the habit of
drinking it to excess, which so many
American women indulge in, particular-
ly in the country, is to be deplored as a
cause of our American nervousness.

Coffee, on the contrary, is a nerve
food. Like other concentrated foods of
its class, it operates as a stimulant also,
but upon a different set of nerves from
tea. Taken strong in the morning, it
often produces dizziness and that pec-
uliar visual symptom of over stimulus
that is musca volitantes—dancing flies.
But this is an improper way to take it,
and rightly used it is, perhaps, the most
valuable liquid addition to the morning
meal. It should be made as strong as
possible at first in a drip bag, and a
tablespoonful or two of the liquid added
slowly to a large cupful of equal parts
of hot milk and cream, in which have
been previously dissolved two or three
lumps of sugar. Its active principle,
caffeine, differs in all physiological re-
spects from theine, while it is chemically
very closely allied, and its limited con-
sumption, as compared with tea, makes
it impotent for harm.

Thibet is the highest inhabited coun-
try on the globe.

strated with the mule-driver. He
him if he wasn't afraid the light
would strike him. There was a
close by; but the Quaker preferred
keep out in the open and stand the rain
rather than risk the tree.

"'Afraid!' said the mule-driver. 'I'll
get under that tree—I'll get under that
tree and give 'em a chance.'

"The Quaker, he stood out in the open
and was watching the mule-driver get
under the tree. Just then there came a
terrific flash of lightning and—"

"Killed the Quaker!" said one of the
listening friends eagerly.

"No; the mule-driver got it and
went down."—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

Hard to Pronounce.

The popularity of Peter Piper's cele-
brated peck of pickle peppers will prob-
ably never wane as a snare to catch the
tongue that would fain be agile; but that
test has formidable rivals. The following
short sentences, as their authors main-
tain, do wonders in baffling the ordinary
power of speech.

Gaze on the gay gray brigade.
The sea ceaseth, and it sufficeth us.
Say, should such a shapely sash shabby
stitches show?

Strange strategic statistics.
Give Grimes Jim's gilt gig-whip.
Sarah in a shawl shovelled soft in
softly.

She sells sea shells.
A cup of coffee in a copper coffeepot.
Smith's spirit flask spilt Philip's sixth
sister's fifth squirrel's skull.—*Baltimore
News.*

Greece is Still Pastoral.

There are only seven cities in Greece
that can boast of more than 10,000 in-
habitants. Athens leads the list at 84,-
903; Patras comes next with 25,494;
then follow Piræus with 21,005, Her-
moupolis with 21,245, Corfu with 16,-
513, Zante with 16,280, and Larissa with
13,160. Argos, Pyrgos, Argostoli, Pala-
mata, Chalcis, Spetsai, Hydra, and
Mesoloungi follow in order ranging
from 9861 inhabitants to 9324. These
fifteen cities together contain only about
250,000 people, or about one-ninth of
the whole population of Greece. Count-
ing in every town that approaches the
dignity of a city in the Kingdom, we
should find that full seven-eighths of the
people of the land must be classed as
rural.—*New York Post.*

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A future State—Dakota.
A comic paper says that the
is yawl-rigged.

Naught the lover's ardor damps
When his girl has got the stam
—*New York*

There is usually a good deal
talk when women get together
cuss the bustle.

The rich always dress well,
are frequently overcome with the
of their law-suits.

Yo student breakethe ye maydene's
He laugheth unaware:
Put eek she breakethe hys pocket-b
Which makethe matters square.—
—*Pennsylv*

When a man who greatly
beautiful woman makes her a
bow is he, as one might say,
her on the stoop.—*Boston Cour*

Is marriage a failure! the bachel
And the youth who is courting
"I've never been married"
But courtship I know is
—*Bos*

The man who wants
enough to put up with a
like ours ought to be accom
while his desires are modes
thing we know he'll be asking
one.—*L. e.*

"I'll be a second sister, dear,
And you my noble brother;
I feel that I can never be
That I, to you, am other."
"You much mistake our kinship
And he grinned—a wicked wh
"I cannot be your brother, now,
For you know I'm your first p

Husband—"This coffee is e
ingly weak." Wife—"I know
matter how much I talk, that
will persist in filling the coffee
water clear to the top. What a
Discharge her?" "Certainly n
charge the coffee-pot and get
one that won't hold so much
—*Philadelphia Record.*

Socially Ostracised.—Mrs.
Vetter (to lady acquaintance)
ever visit the Flaubsy's no
Acquaintance—"We used to
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always draw the line at the
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in the general alarm at my condition,
relatives again came to the front, and
rested a change, a trip to the West.
highway an aunt on my mother's
side, who had married a lumberman and
lived in Northern Minnesota, being duly
made aware of the state of things, in-
vited me to visit her family, and thither
I went.

That was in the spring of 1870. The
Minnesota climate acted like magic upon
my overstrained nerves, and the begin-
ning of autumn found me restored to
strength, and so far recovered as to be
able to take a school to teach. More
than half the people in the district were
Swedish and Norwegian settlers, and I
experienced no end of trouble, with not
a few ludicrous incidents, in understand-
ing their broken English and their odd
customs.

The term of school ended about the
first of December. My uncle was at
the time carrying on the lumbering
operations forty miles from home, on
the outlet of Lake Winibigoshish, one
of the lakes which form the head waters
of the Mississippi River. He invited
me to join him at the end of the school
term. I had never been in a lumbering
camp, and determined to spend a month
or two in the pine woods with him.
There was fine hunting—deer, foxes,
musk-rats, lynxes, and other animals in
the region.

In the settlement where I had been
teaching there was a young Norwegian,
Lars Bjork, two or three years older
than I, who had trapped and hunted
about Winibigoshish for several years.
He was a skillful woodsman, and a
thoroughly good-hearted young man,
strong, sturdy and intelligent. He had
been a chopper at the camp through the
autumn, but as he thought that he could
make more money by trapping and hunt-
ing my uncle willingly let him off, and
acquiesced in my plan to accompany him
for a trip of a few weeks around the foot
of Winibigoshish, twenty miles above
the camp. He also offered us a spare
mule—"Bingo" by name—to haul our
outfit.

I was the middle of December when
we started out from camp. We had an
odd assortment of provisions, buffalo
skins, blankets, camp utensils, tools for
constructing a log house, traps, guns,
snow-shoes, a little rusty stove, and two
bundles of pressed hay to eke out Bingo's
browse diet, all loaded securely on an

that a genuine blizzard had struck us.
We were entirely out of meat, for game
had been scarce on the line of our trap
for several days, and we had decided to
devote this day to supplying our larder.
Now there was nothing for it but to stay
in shelter till the storm was over.
For three days and nights the gale
blustered and howled through the tree
tops above our hut, whirling the snow in
such thick clouds as nearly to smother
one out of doors. We dared not venture
two rods from the hut, for fear of never
finding our way back through the blind-
ing drift.

the cold was almost unbearable. With
all our efforts, we could scarcely keep
from freezing. Fortunately, we had pre-
pared a supply of wood only a few yards
from the door, and by turns we went
through the drifts, dug out an armful,
and guided by the other's voice, crawled
back to the hut, with hair and clothes
and eyes pelted full of snow. Even with
all the fire we could keep, I was obliged
to wrap myself in one of the buffalo
robes, and crouch in a corner near the
stove.

Lars, a true son of the North, and ac-
customed to fierce blizzards, kept busy
mending our clothes, traps and "skees,"
or snow skates, such as are used in his
snow bound native country, and whistled
merrily, while the wind sent little eddies
of snow whirling through the chinks
into his yellow hair.

The fourth morning dawned bright
and clear. The weather had moderated,
but the snow lay four feet deep over the
whole country. Our little hut was nearly
buried, and so hard were the drifts
packed that I, who was about forty
pounds lighter in weight than Lars,
could run over them anywhere. The
Norwegian would now and then slump
through them.

But the cold weather had given us tre-
mendous appetites, and our diet had
been very tame. We knew that animals
could not have moved about much dur-
ing the long storm, and that they must
have become famished. Accordingly, we
thought that now game of all sorts would
be astir.

After an early breakfast we started out
on our skees, which were made of ash,
five or six feet long, very narrow, thin
and smooth as glass. They were bound
to the foot by straps, and with them one
accustomed to their use can skim over
the snow with great swiftness. Although

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Lullaby!

What the bird sings, piping low,
To its restless, half-fledged brood:
"Weak-winged flutterers! you shall grow
Angurers of the tempest's mood,
Comrades of the gale, ere long,
And shall wake the woods with song.

Lullaby!
Dusk is nigh!

Lullaby!

Croons the mother, when the child
To its cradled nest is lain:
"Sundown's bodetful glare, a wild
Hectic, fires the nursery pane.
Vail those stars of morn, your eyes,
Till morn's star is in the skies.

Lullaby!
Night is nigh!"

Lullaby!

What my heart, unrestful, hears
Love in soothing tones repeat:
"Sleep, babe, tired 'twixt play and tears;
Wild bird, cease your wings to beat;
Flower that looked upon the sun,
Fold your leaves, the day is done.

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-Elise Cooper, in Once a Week.

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It was the practice of the good people of Bumpingtonshire to fill their houses for the annual hunt ball, and none were more assiduous in this than the Hardups of Soakington Hall. The Hardups were a young married couple who had lived some few years in the neighborhood and were both wealthy and hospitably disposed. Nothing, in fact, pleased them better than entertaining a houseful of cheery people. On the particular occasion with which we have now to deal, the Hardups were anxious to eclipse the conviviality of all previous gatherings, and Mrs Hardup had every reason to be satisfied with her success down to the day before the party was fixed to assemble. On the morning of that day, however, she received the following note from her cousin, Reggie Bunkum, one of the most highly prized of her expected guests:

"DEAR CUS—I can't tell you how sorry I am to have to cry 'off' at the last moment, but old Standish, who has come to us as under secretary, has done me the honor of selecting me to be his private secretary. He wants me to get into harness at once, so I can't possibly get away, as you will understand. But I wish you would ask my friend, Charlie Twizzleton, to take my place. You have heard me speak of him before, though you don't know him. He is such sport that I am quite first rate on the banjo and has a never-ending repertoire of comic songs. Furthermore he is a capital 'conjurer,' and, mind you, don't forget to make him do the 'three dogs in a barrel.' You'd declare there really were three if you didn't know. You must not be surprised if he turns up at some time as a tramp or in some such outlandish character. A line to the Bachelor's Club will find him. I shall think of your festive party when I am grinding away at estimates and such like abominations. Love to Jack. Your affectionate cousin,

"REGGIE BUNKUM."

"I am sorry that Reggie is not coming," remarked Mrs. Hardup to her husband. "But it can't be helped. I suppose, however, that we may as well ask Mr. Twizzleton. He sounds as if he would be fun."

"Oh, by all means," responded the genial Jack Hardup. "Write and tell him we'll meet him by the 6:30 at Bumpington, if he can come, and ask him to send a wire in the morning."

Mrs. Hardup accordingly dispatched a note to Mr. Twizzleton. The next morning she received a telegram accepting her invitation, and the same afternoon in due course a carriage was dispatched to Bumpington Junction to meet the expected guest.

Mr. Twizzleton was, of course, freely canvassed at Mrs. Hardup's tea table that afternoon. Reggie Bunkum's account of his friend's accomplishments naturally raised lively anticipations, and the appearance of the new comer was awaited with much curiosity. No one saw him arrive, for the train was late, and when the carriage returned from the station the Hardups and their guests were dressing for dinner; but when, after the company had assembled in the drawing room, Mr. Twizzleton was announced

and made his appearance, blank amazement fell upon a present. The new arrival was, to all appearance, about 60 years of age. His dress was such as was worn by elderly gentlemen of fashion in the days of Mr. Pickwick. A black satin stock enveloped his neck. He was gorgeous in a velvet waistcoat copiously adorned with coral buttons. From his fob dangled a heavy bunch of old-fashioned seals and trinkets. The oddity of his appearance was further enhanced by a pair of green spectacles, the object of which the more acute observers present at once took to be to complete his disguise.

Only one explanation of this unexpected apparition seemed possible.

"I suppose," whispered Mrs. Hardup to her husband, when she had welcomed her guest and introduced him to the lady whom he was to take in to dinner, "that this is one of the disguises in which Reggie warned us that his friend might appear."

"Apparently so," returned Jack; "but it's rather queer form to lead off with a practical joke of this description. What on earth are we to say to him?"

Fortunately dinner was at once announced, and put an end to the momentary awkwardness which Mr. Twizzleton's little joke had caused. The majority of the company were, like their host, uncertain what line to take with this practical joker, and, as a consequence, he was left during the progress of the meal mainly to the society of Mrs. Carnegie, whom he had brought in to dinner. This lady was the well preserved and vivacious widow of an Indian judge, and flattered herself that she was fully a match for the eccentric individual by her side. They had not conversed very long, however, before Mr. Twizzleton fairly puzzled her.

"I hope, Mr. Twizzleton," she remarked, soon after they were settled in their places, "that your sight is not so bad as to prevent your dancing this evening?"

"Dancing, my dear madam!" replied Mr. Twizzleton; "I fear my infirmity of sight is not the only obstacle to that. It is thirty years since I considered myself a dancing man, and to be asked to dance was the last thing I expected when I came here."

"Indeed!" returned the widow, with an arch glance. "Did you expect to be left in charge of the hall while the rest of us disport ourselves at the Bumpington ball?"

"Ah, madam, I see that you are joking," replied the imperturbable Twizzleton. "My engagement with our charming hostess, whom I am agreeably surprised to see looking so well, is the only occupation I can look forward to tonight."

"Well," said Mrs. Carnegie, with a little toss of her head, "of course you will have to dance with Cicely, but it is a little cool to inform me that you intend to favor nobody else—even though she be our hostess."

Mr. Twizzleton assumed an air of astonishment which would have done credit to any actor on the boards.

"I dance with her!" he exclaimed. "Surely, madam, I misunderstand you. I cannot believe that a lady would dream of dancing under such circumstances."

"And why not, pray?" inquired the widow.

"Because it would be the height of imprudence—I had almost said madness. So far from encouraging her I should feel bound to forbid anything of the kind."

Mrs. Carnegie looked at Mr. Twizzleton's unmoved features, and felt thoroughly mystified. She tried other lines of conversation, but had no better success in persuading him to drop his assumed character.

Before dinner was over she was more than half convinced that he was not acting at all, and that the real author of the farce was Mr. Reggie Bunkum, who had amused himself by palming off this old fossil upon his cousins for a drawing-room comique.

When the ladies had retired the male portion of the company tried their hands at drawing out Mr. Twizzleton; but as they succeeded no better than Mrs. Carnegie in getting behind his disguise, the opinion was very soon formed that the joke was a dismal failure, and that Mr. Twizzleton was making an egregious fool of himself. The last hope of getting any fun out of the thing expired on their return to the drawing-room. On being sounded respecting the banjo, Reggie Bunkum's boasted chum vehemently repudiated any knowledge of the instrument, while a request from Mrs. Hardup for the "three dogs in the barrel," produced a look of hopeless bewilderment

upon his features which was almost pathetic in its intensity.

In the meantime, however, the striking realism of Mr. Twizzleton's performance had made an impression on Jack Hardup somewhat similar to that on Mrs. Carnegie, only Jack's suspicions took a somewhat different direction from the widow's. When the gentlemen moved off to the drawing-room, the master of the house called Thompson, his trusty butler, on one side, and interrogated him closely as to Mr. Twizzleton's appearance on his arrival. The butler no sooner gathered that his master was perplexed about his new guest than he proceeded to unburden his own mind.

"Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but do I understand as you think there is some mistake about Mr. Twizzleton?"

"He is not at all the sort of gentleman I expected to see, Thompson. But why do you ask?"

"Because I see some things, sir, when I was unpacking his portmanteau that I don't like the look of at all."

"What sort of things?" inquired Hardup.

"Well, sir, p'raps as the gentlemen are all in the drawing room now, you wouldn't mind stepping up stairs and seeing for yourself. I can lay my hand on 'em in a moment."

Jack reflected an instant, hesitating between the obligations of hospitality and anxiety to get at the bottom of the Twizzleton mystery. The latter motive prevailed, and he accordingly hurried up to Mr. Twizzleton's apartment, followed by the butler. Thompson at once produced two black leather cases. Opening the first, Hardup found it to contain several mysterious looking instruments, of the nature and purpose of which he was ignorant. In the second, however, he was startled to find a pair of desperate looking knives, with long blades, highly polished, and as keen as razors. The very sight of them made Jack's blood run cold.

"Well, Thompson," he said, more puzzled than ever, "what do you make of these?"

"Tain't for me to say, sir," replied the butler; "but I hope they don't mean murder—that's all!"

"Murder! What do you mean?"

"Well, sir, if as you say you have your doubts about this gentleman being Mr. Twizzleton, all that I can say is that some of these burglars and gentlemen sharpers have precious artful ways of gettin' into folks' houses, and if those tools (Thompson pointed to the first case) ain't part of a burglar's stock in trade, I'm—"

"Nonsense, Thompson," interrupted his master. "You've got burglary on the brain. Put the things back and say nothing more about it."

With that Hardup made his way back to the drawing room, feeling rather silly. He found that Mr. Twizzleton was not in the room. Nor was Mrs. Hardup. Jack was told that Twizzleton had earnestly begged for five minutes' conversation with his hostess, and that they had gone together to the library only a moment ago. The company were busily discussing the mysterious stranger.

"I don't believe his face is made up at all," said one lady. "I could see wrinkles distinctly, and I'm sure he never tired such a bald head as that."

"My impression is that the whole thing is a joke of Reggie Bunkum's," observed Mrs. Carnegie, adhering to her previous theory.

"I believe," said Mr. Fred Jarvis, "that it is Reggie's friend, and that he has gone off his head. I have heard of cases where fellows have played the fool in this way until they have come to believe they are somebody else."

At that moment a piercing shriek resounded through the house from the library, causing the guests to look at one another with horrified glances. Followed by Mr. Jarvis and the rest of the gentlemen, Hardup hurried away in the direction of the disturbance. Opening the library door, they found Mrs. Hardup, to all appearance, half fainting with terror, and clinging to the bell pull, while Mr. Twizzleton stood between her and the door, evidently scarcely less agitated.

"Oh, hold him! hold him!" shrieked the lady. "He's mad! He is going to murder me!"

There was certainly some reason for alarm, for on the table lay a case of weapons scarcely less formidable than those Hardup had seen up stairs.

"What is the meaning of this, sir?" cried Jack, while two or three gentlemen cautiously surrounded Mr. Twizzleton.

"My dear sir," replied the stranger, mopping the perspiration from his brow

with a red silk handkerchief, "I'm as much at loss to understand matters as yourself. I desired to see your good lady in order to remonstrate on her imprudence in not taking more care of herself. On my producing my instruments for the purpose of making an examination and asking to see her arm she at once fell into the state of agitation which you perceive."

"Either you must be out of your mind, Mr. Twizzleton," exclaimed Hardup, angrily, "or this is the most impertinent fooling I ever—"

The sentence was cut short by the entrance of the butler. Jack was about to say that he could not be interrupted at this moment; but, on Thompson mysteriously whispering something in his ear, he made a hasty apology to the company, and left the room. In half a minute he returned, accompanied by a gentleman of four or five and twenty, in traveling clothes.

"Now, sir," said Hardup, addressing Mr. Twizzleton, "this gentleman (indicating the newcomer) claims to be Mr. Charles Twizzleton, whom we expected by the 6:50 train at Bumpington this evening. It seems that by some mistake he has been taken elsewhere. Perhaps you can explain how it is that you have got here in his place and under his name."

"If you will excuse me for a minute," interposed the new Twizzleton, "I think I can throw some light on the situation. Thereupon he informed the company how, on his arrival at Bumpington, he had been accosted by a man servant, who inquired whether he was 'Mr. Twizzleton for Soakington,' and on his replying in the affirmative, he had been at once conveyed to a house four or five miles of which he had since learned was the Manor House, Soakington.

"What an extraordinary mistake!" exclaimed Hardup. "How did you discover it?"

"As soon as I arrived a starchy-looking spinster met me, and pretty nearly threw me on my beam ends by asking, in a solemn tone, whether I would look at mamma's arm at once or wait until Mr. Squills came. You see, I concluded there must be a mistake somewhere. Squills arrived in half an hour. It turned out that he was the local doctor. The mamma, whose name I found was Seely, and not Hardup, had something wrong, it seems, with her left arm, and Squills, considering that amputation was necessary, had called in my eminent namesake, Dr. Theophilus Twizzleton of Harley street, who was oddly enough expected by the same train as myself. Unless I am mistaken, Mr. Hardup, you have got him here."

On hearing this the elder Mr. Twizzleton at once produced his card and handed it to Hardup, apologizing at the same time for his intrusion.

"I am delighted, my dear madam," he said, turning to Mrs. Hardup, "that you have no occasion for my services. With your permission I will now go to poor Mrs. Seely, and leave my namesake to perform with the banjo and the three dogs in the barrel."

But he did not go. The hospitable Hardups insisted on making amends for his discomfiture by keeping him for the night and taking him to the Bumpington ball. There Mrs. Carnegie persuaded him to renew his dancing days, and devoted herself to consoling him with so much success that it is very likely there will soon be a Mrs. Twizzleton in Harley street.—London Truth.

The Stamp Collecting Craze.

The craze for collecting postage stamps rages with more or less intensity all over the world. There are places where they are bought and sold in many of the larger cities. On a corner of the Champs Elysees of Paris, near the Circus building, you can see a crowd of men and boys assembled every Sunday afternoon, with little books in their hands which they are carefully studying and comparing. They are stamp collectors, and they meet to hold a stamp exchange. Old stamps are exchanged, bought and sold, and the rivalry to possess something very rare in that line will sometimes run it up to a high figure. There is more of the stamp craze in this country than many know. A spell ago a letter carrier in New York who had it bad, was arrested for removing stamps from foreign letters received at the New York Postoffice. On being searched his pockets were found to be full of them. It was a veritable mania with him.—Texas Siftings.

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