NO ONE TO TELL THE TALE.

Origin of the Greatest Known Explosion of Gunpowder.

The greatest explosion of gunpowder the world has ever known took place at the Du Ponts' works on the 7th of October, 1880. With their usual cautious policy the Du Ponts have never stated just how great a quantity of powder exploded at this time, but it is certain that three magazines and three mills in the upper yard were blown up, one after another, and a safe estimate will put the quantity of powder exploded at 150 tons. In this explosion thirteen men and one woman were instantly killed, while twenty-two men and nine women were injured some fatally.

The explosion occurred a little after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It began in the magazine for hexagonal powder, the kind used in large guns and the most dangerous, being made not in grains, but in reddish, six-sided cakes about an inch and a half in diameter, and an inch thick, with a hole running through the center. These cakes look like nothing so much as the nuts on a wagon wheel. At the time of the explosion cakes of powder were being packed into large wooden boxes, lined with tin, each box being about three feet square. The tin linings projected above the tops of the boxes about two inches, and, when a box was packed, were folded back over a tin cover fitted closely upon the cakes of powder. It was the duty of one of the workmen, William Green, to solder these tin edges down upon the tin cover, a soldering iron being used for this purpose.

On the day in question what he feared or expected to press. A fellow workman, William McGarvey, was holding him the hot irons for a change, if I remember about twenty minutes before. Green stood just at the door of the magazine, and all around him were barrels, covered, boxes filled with the hexagonal powder, ready to be sealed and stowed away. There were also dozens of boxes that had been sealed. Just what happened will never be known, for neither Green nor McGarvey were left to tell the story, but the probability is one of the soldering irons was a little too hot and, by igniting a particle of dirt on the tin cover, produced the deadly spark.—Morgan's Magazine.

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Children's Mouths Neglected.

A dentist whose practice has been for many years largely among persons who would, or may be called "of a cultured and refined class," finds the condition of cleanliness of the mouth in the children of such persons most astonishing. "These children were being trained in all the arts and sciences," he says, "yet in one school where there were 700 pupils, 500 of them from ten to eighteen years of age, only 50 cleaned their teeth twice a day, 275 used a tooth sometimes, and 175 did not own a toothbrush. In the primary department, where there were pupils from six to ten years of age, it was found that no more than one was provided with toothbrush and powder." Further inquiry and investigation showed that this school served as an example in the matter. Dr. Ritter of Berlin found that of 887 children, 110 of whom were under seven years of age, only forty-one, or a little more than five per cent had perfect sound teeth.—New York Sun.

The latest news from Buenos Ayres states that in consequence of the high price that millers in the Argentine Republic have to pay for wheat, shipments to Europe have been almost suspended.

It is said that of the 3,000 visitors to the Yellowstone National Park during the past three years, not more than 100 were Americans. If the park was in Europe, observes the New York Tribune, it would probably be visited by about 50,000 Americans a year.

The territory composing Western Australia, according to the latest computation, covers nearly 1,000,000 square miles, and constitutes about one-third of the Australian continent. The area of this single colony is larger than that of eight leading countries in Europe combined.

The New York Tribune exclaims: "Americans are essentially a generous and kind-hearted people. They respond nobly when any great emergency calls for the manifestation of brotherhood and good will. But in their every-day association with each other they are too often deficient in gracious courtesy which not only sweetens social life, but ennobles those who display it."

Holland is noted for its fine butter. It is also a very large manufacturer of margarin, which is composed of about seventy-five per cent of oleomargarine, vegetable oil and milk. Large quantities of margarin are exported to other countries, the export to England annually being about 144,000,000 pounds, valued at $17,000,000. The oleomargarine used by Holland in the manufacture of margarin is mostly imported from the United States.

The New York Mail and Express thinks the champion cad of the age has just appeared in the person of Viscount Bridport, grandnephew of Admiral Nelson, who is offering for sale the medals and relics of England's great hero. The collection includes the famous letter and orders he wrote which shot down on the deck of the Victory, the gold-hilted sword presented to Lord Nelson by the captains after the battle of the Nile, his swords, his uniform and the gold casket presented with the freedom of the city of London.

Connecticut is the latest state to enact a "good roads law." The act is a simple one. It provides for a commission of three, to be appointed by the Governor, whose duty it shall be to oversee the work of improving roads, and upon the close of the improvement in three cities, one in the county and the state. The State's share is limited to $75,000. The road commission, to be appointed by the Governor, shall be selected, one for its acquaintance with the road system, one from each city selected, one for its acquaintance with the road system, and the third a practical road builder, and the work properly done, and the work only started. But each division is to be vested with entirely separate jurisdiction over the work.

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