

BROUGHT HIS TOOTHBRUSH.

cept an invitation to dinner, promising to send to fetch him and also to deposit him at his door when he left, his only it is likely to be met in a state of in- en stipulation being that he should be al- difference or even an agreeable half ha lowed to make his adieus at 10 o'clock. The son of his hostess was dispatch-

Shock Parisian Society.

The Cri de Paris told the following

ed in good time and found M. Saint-Saens in a velvet coat seated before his airship fluttered to and fro like a piano. He rose at once, however, and asked for ten minutes to dress, at the end of which he appeared, tying his white cravat. As he was shutting his door behind him he ejaculated:

"Good gracious! One minute more! I have forgotten my toothbrush."

blank.

The young man. to his amazement, saw his guest dive into his dressing room and reappear with a toothbrush. which he put away in his breast pocket. On arriving home he told his mother, who in some uneasiness informed her friends, and everybody was in wonderment as to what the great composer was going to do with his toothbrush.

Every eye was fixed on him throughout the dinner, watching him as he ate and drank and used his finger glass. In the drawing room Saint-Saens talked with the ladies and played any piece that was asked of him till 10 o'clock struck, when he bade farewell politely to the company.

The journey home was without incident, and when they reached his house M. Saint-Saens simply offered to shake hands and say good night. Curiosity who said:

brush with you.'

"Oh, my young friend," replied Saintvery stiff, and I always hurt my fingers in turning the key. So I now pass the handle of my toothbrush in the ring of the key and turn it easily. Voila!"

THOROUGHLY WARMED.

An Old Time Schoolboy's Experience on a Bitterly Cold Day.

An old time gentleman of Newbury. port describing his school days in the opening years of the nineteenth centary, has this to say of a wintry day: "We found our inkstands all frozen

up. These required to be thawed out. To do this there was a board held up by bricks over the stove on which the pewter inkstands were placed, but before the copy was written down the ink would be again frozen. Then the boy took his ink to the stove again and while it was thawing laid in a store of caloric for himself, standing by the store, watching closely that the pewter should not melt.

"The clothes of the boys were made of corduroy, jacket and trousers in one. and nothing under but a shirt. These absorbed the heat like sheet iron. so that when a boy retruned to his seat he was often compelled to carry his inkstand in his mouth, employing both hands to hold his trousers off from his knees, and with every precaution the skin was often mottled and scorched." Another old time schoolboy in his later years recalled an even severer esperience.

"I can remember." he recorded. "how, crowding close to the stove to toast the shivers from my poor little body. I scorched a hole in my trousers in front and exclaimed aloud at the disaster, whereupon the master thrashed a hole into them behind, and when I went home to my mother she told me grimly it was well that things should match and that as my shirt was such an old one she was willing to risk fraying it on the back, and she reached for a strap and did!

"I was thoroughly warmed, and it was the coldest day of the year, but I regretted my shivers after all."--Youth's Companion.

Helpful Son-in-law.

"So you asked my wife for our daughter's hand, did you?' said the stern father.

"I did. and she began to give me a piece of her mind about my persumption. and I"-

"And you beat a retreat and came to see me. Well, sir"-

"Oh, no! I didn't retreat. I argued It out with her, and before I left she had given me her consent. So I"-

"You did? Bully for you! You can have the girl, and you can live right here with us. 1 want to study your system of defying my wife for a year or so anyway."-Woman's World.

Little Pitcher.

Lady Visitor-1 am coming to your mamma's company tomorrow, Tommy. to you mean, talking like that? TomThe earth travels in its orbit round

the sun nineteen miles a second. The sun itself, like all the other stars, has its own proper motion through space. Some authorities have calculated its speed at twelve miles a second. A few stars move more slowly than this, others much more rapidly. Arcturus maintains a speed of not less than 100 "Groombridge 1830" travels 150 miles

in the same brief time. matter. The sun would seem to stand still could we compare its velocity with that of the radium "rays." These radiations are produced by successive ex-

atoms of radium. The "alpha rays," being themselves infinitesimal fragsecond. The "beta rays" travel still faster.

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"The Thunderer."

It was the mud flinging of an earlier mode of travel than the motorbus that gave the London Times its nickname of "The Thunderer." Two ladies at Kew had been splashed by an unmannerly horseman passing them too closefurther article by way of apology the zine of American History. Times used the words "We thundered out," an expression that so tickled the

public that the name of "Thunderer" was bestowed on the paper forthwith.

A Notable Statue.

In the beautiful city of Buenos or both." answered the home grown Aires is perhaps the only statue in philosopher. "They may have no the world erected by white men to a mind or no business."-Philadelphia negro. This is the statue of Falucho. Press. a negro soldier who refused to haul down the Argentine flag at the bidding Tommy-Well, you won't get a good of the Spanish soldiery during the first supper. 'Tommy's Papa-Tommy, what Argentine revolution and was shot the ship. In thanking him she said: down by the Spanish.

A little more than a half century ago the letter box was unknown. The miles a second, and the star called inventor was Joseph William Briggs, nephew of a former governor of Massachusetts, who, as head clerk in the But the speeds of the heavenly bod- Cleveland postoffice, studied the needs ies are slow compared with the mo- of patrons and after correspondence tions of the tiniest known particles of with Postmaster General Dennison upon the subject took a train for Washington, bearing a pasteboard model of the letter box under his arm. The postmaster general saw the merplosions of tiny groups of the tiny its of the plan and appointed Mr. Briggs as special agent to establish the letter box and letter carrier sysments of matter, are thrown out with tem. The first letter box was attached a velocity of perhaps 12,000 miles a by clamps to a lamppost that stood in front of a Cleveland drug store. and not a year had passed before fifty-two different cities had adopted the system. -National Magazine.

Where Miners Lose Their Nerve.

Men accustomed to working in mines cannot stand great heights. It is almost an invariable rule that a miner will get dizzy and uneasy if you take him to a high place, such as a monument or the top of a house, and will try to get back to earth as soon as possible. And yet he can stand underground on the edge of a 500 foot shaft, look down into the black abyss and never feel a tremor. He can climb up the face of a shaft, knowing that there is a straight drop of a thousand feet under him, and feel perfectly at home.-Popular Magazine.

Scanty Ammunition.

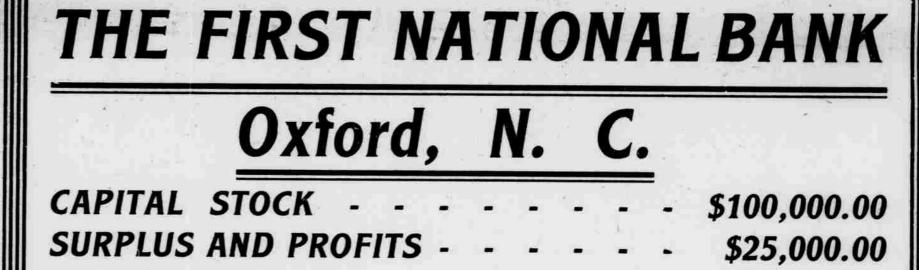
Colonel Stark's regiment just prior to the battle of Bunker Hill was quartered at Milford, some four miles distant, and was destitute of ammunition. About 10 o'clock on the morning he received orders to march, howly, and the Times came out with a ever, each man received a gill cupful strong leader alleging the offender to of powder, fifteen balls and one flint. have been the Duke of Cumberland. As the muskets were of varying cali-In due course it was found that the ber it was necessary to reduce the size horseman was not the duke, and in a of the balls for many of them.-Maga-

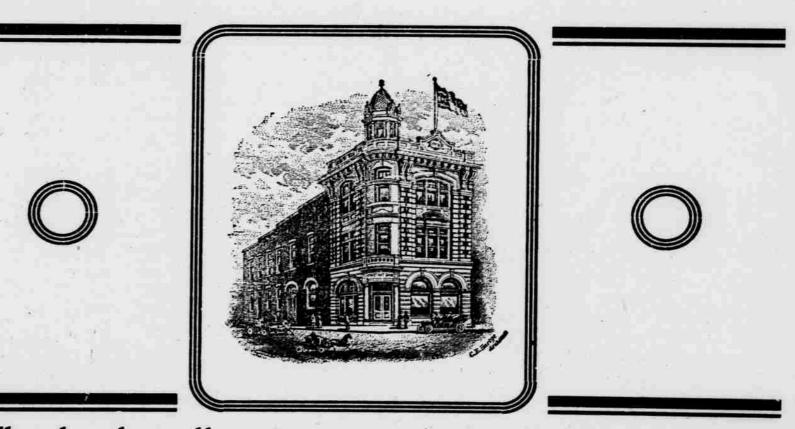
> About the Size of It. "Why is it." queried the youth. "that so many people fail to mind their own business?

"There may be one of two reasons.

The Forbidden.

A sailor had just shown a lady over "I am so sorry to see by the rules





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my-Well. you know. pa. you told ma you'd have to get some chicken feed for her old hen party tomorrowBal- timore American. The Widow. "I noticed as I came in," said the caller to her dear friend the widow. "that you have made a change in your servants. You have a white butler now." "Yes," sighed the widow, "a white	The Last Word. "What's the first word in the dic- tionary?" asked the student. "The article 'a,' of course," replied Mr. Growcher. "And what's the last word?" "Ask my wife. She's an expert on the subject."—Washington Star.	word in the dic- student. of course," replied last word?" She's an expert on ington Star. -Don't worry, dear. was certainly in ndant (moodily)—I he lawyer's charge cout.—Boston Tran-	ness, and confines itself to banking as set forth in the laws of the United States Government. This bank gives the same attention to a deposit of \$10 as it does to a deposit of \$1,000 or \$10,000. All we ask is for you to give us a trial.			
Inherited It. "What a matchmaker that woman is, to be sure!" "Yes, but she comes by it honestly. I understand her father was a pro- I go into The judge's ch your favor. Know that. It that I'm thinkin script. No life is so s it yearns for t	The judge's charge was certainly in your favor. Defendant (moodily)-I know that It's the lawyer's charge that I'm thinking aboutBoston Tran- script. No life is so strong and complete but		The	First RD,	National	Bank, AROLINA.