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Inventor Edison is of the opinion that

ultimately the house will be both lighted and heated for sixty coats a year. / In the United States, annually, about 3500 persons are tried for murder, with an average of about 100 legal exe-

· A philological statistician calculates that in the year 2000 there will be 1,700,000,000 people who speak Engfish, and that the other European lauguages will be spoken by only 500,000,-

. A wonderful story of growth is told in the following figures showing the railway milesge of the United States by decades for the past sixty years.

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A British Consul in Jan		has

watched sailers carefully, says that Jack is much better mannered since steamers have replaced sailing vessels. The steamers provide better and less monotonous food, entail less hardship, and have dulled the adventurous independent, and eternally unsatisfied spirit with which the sailors used to roam about the world.

For several years the California Chinese engaged in the fruit business in a small way, but this season they have gone into the larger districts and have proved, asserts the Chicago News, a decided thorn in the side of the white dealers. Their presence as buyers instead of laborers has aroused the bitterest mition from the whites, who declare that the Chinese will ruin the reputation of the California fruit trade.

f The burning of his books may be said to confer a distinction on an author. when the work of destruction is decreed by the censors of an autocratic government. Consequently, declares Harper's Weskly, Professor Lester F. Wood of the United States Geological Survey, is recent cremation of 12,000 copies of a Russian translation of the the first volume of his took, "Dynamic Sociology," by order of the Russian Imperial Council of Ministers. It is a first-class advertisement for the writer, but the publisher loses 3000 rubles by the confiscation.

. There was some wonderful shooting in England for the Elcho shield this year at the great annual meeting of volunteer riflemen, at Bisley, the successor to Wimbledon. At the 800-yards range three of the marksmen, one Scotchman and two Englishmen, made the highest possible scores, and the first four men of the English eight made collectively 298 points out of a possible 300. At the 900yards range two of the Englishmen made 78 points out of a possible 75, and at the 1000-yards range four of them made 70 points or over. The grand total of the English team, the winners, was 1670 out of a possible 1800. The Irishmen were second, with a total of 1633. and the Scotchmen last, with a total of 1617. All sorts of records in this partienlar match were smashed to pieces. The highest individual score at all three ranges was made by Captain Foulkes, 218 out of a possible 225. There was a good light, but a strong wind.

A list of Confederate generals supposed to be living, prepared by General W. L. Cabell, of Dallas, Tex., shows that the number of general officers of all grades, appointed and commissioned, is 488, viz. Six generals, one general with temporary rank, one quartermaster general, two commissary generals, two rgeon generals, one chief of ordnance 475 brigadier generals, of whom 102 rose to rank of major general and twenty-one rose to the rank of lieutenant general. One general, Joseph E. Johnston, and twelve brigadier generals are reported dead since January 1, 1891, leaving 177 living of the original number. The survivors first in rank are: General-Gustave P. T. Beauregard, New Orleans. General with temporary rank-Edmund Kirby Smith, of Sewance, Tenn. Lieutenaat Generals-Stephen D. Lee, Starkville, Miss.; James Longstreet, Gainesville, Ga.; Jubal A. Early, urg, Va.; Simon B. Buckner, Prankfort, Ky.; Joseph Wheeler, Wheeler, Ala.; Ambrose P. Stewart, Washington, D. C., Wade Hampton, Octumbin, P. C.; John B. Gordon, At-

Be of good cheer, The sun is near, And soon shall shine again, my dear. Then shall the sky once more be blue.

The birds shall sweetly sing once more,
And genumed with sparkling drops of rain,
The flowers look lovelier than before.

Be of good cheer, E'en in the darkest hours, my dear.

Though many sorrows crowd your path, As through this changeful world you go, Though hope seems dead within your breast And love and friendship careless grow, Be of good caser,

The sun is near, Hid just behind the clouds, my dear.

And sometime, when your eyes are full Of tears, behold! a rainbow bright, In all the rarest huse o'er worn By gem or flower, shall meet your sight, Be of good cheer,

The sun is near, Rich in the gold of heaven, my dear. -Patty Sweetbrier, in Detroit Free Press.

A VERY PECULIAR CASE

At the time it happened—thirty years ago—I was a bachelor, living in a drawing room communicating by folding doors with the bedroom behind it, not a hundred miles from the Regent Circus. None of the furniture was my own save one or two easy chairs, a writing table and a rather shabby, dilapidated old bureau or escritoire—a relic of my grandfather's, I believe, and preserved as representing pretty nearly all the property I ever inherited. It stood in the darkest corner of the sitting room, though near one of the two long French windows, I seldom went to it, using its numerous drawers, pigeon-holes, etc., only as receptacles for old receipts, bills, papers and a few odd accumulations of no value, which, for some reasons, I did not wish to destroy. The key to its circular top I had, with reprehensible carelessness in such matters, mislaid for weeks. This gave me no concern. I could look for it when I wanted itthat was enough. Other lodgers were in the house, which was kept by a retired

A young man's life in London, without his being the least unsteady, frequently involves him in late hours when he has a large circle of acquaintances. It was so with me, especially during one particular season. Operas, theaters, suppers and dances crowded so thick and fast upon each other that, for nights together, I never had more than three or four hours in bed—always having to be up early. Then, by degrees, when I could turn in in reasonable time, I could not sleep, and on this account even the thought of a long night in bed gradually became a terror to me. The fact is, my nervous system was becoming thoroughly equally certain would have scouted any mine, and I saw-whose face think you? lea of seeking advice about it.

In addition, another thing was worrying me greatly. For the past month or more I felt convinced I was being robbed. I did not possess much jewelry, little trinkets and small articles. Among others a silver match box, a large croco dile leather, gold-mounted cigar case, a pair of gold sleeve links, a small locket, containing some of my mother's and father's hair, a set of stude, a pearl breastpin, and the like. Also a pocket that position I found myself when my letter or card case, which I well knew bewildered senses slowly returned. For contained two £1 Scotch bank notes— awhile, of course, I could remember which is still renowned for them, felt sure that with every allowance for careless habits these and many another similar object had vanished in the most unaccountable way. Search high and low as I would they were not to be found

anywhere in my rooms. I had lived there nearly two years when this vexation began, and I knew not whom to suspect. It was horribly awkward and most unpleasant. The landlord and his wife bore unimpeachable characters, and I could never have looked either of them in the face again had I breathed the faintest suspicion of their honesty. Three other men, two of whom I knew slightly, were lodging in the house, as I have said, but as to suspecting them of this petty larceny the des was out of the question. No, it must be one of the servants. But which One of the three was a lad of sixteen He was a newcomer, truly. The two women were in the house when I took up my quarters there—respectable

parties." I did not know what to do for the best. To lock up the rooms was impossible, and even to do the same with all my drawers, writing table, wardrobe, etc., now, after never having previously Besides, I never could tell exactly when missed this or that article, because, as I repeat, my careless ways had often led me to imagine that I had lost a thing when I merely mislaid it.

Presently the idea occurred to me tha I would set a trap. I left a small sovereign purse in a corner drawer of the dressing-table, whence I could declare many trinkets and valuables had been purloined; but there it remained. I hifted it, partially covered it with other things, as if by accident, or as if it had been forgotten. Yet it was always forthcoming whenever I looked. I put a solitary sovereign on a corner of the mantispieca; the housemaid twice drew my attention to the fact that the coin was still lying there. No, nothing that I ever placed as a bait disappeared. The depredations were confined to such objects as I hadn't

een thinking about until I wanted them. The month was August, the nights hot nd sultry and less than ever conducive bed since elevon without closing my speed. It was the old story; I was secund to it. Suddenly, amid the hext count of my dread awakening to the count of my dread awakening to the theory that pocket letter-case containing the two 21 Scotch bank notes. Where was if it I had not seen it for weeks. After restlessly striving to drive away the desire to get up and get it, it mastered me, and out of tod I sprang. For fully an hour I carried on the quest, but all in vain. Every conceivable corner, drawer and such as a tansanked. The key of the content of the quest, and when he had littered to soul. Who A Speedy Yacht.

Herreshoff, of Providence, R. I., has turned out another wonder, and it is safe to say that there is nothing under would accept as veracious this wild account of my dread awakening to the truth. I set this record of it down while it was all fresh in my memory, and eventually, the truth only 150 pounds of steam II. I had not seen it for weeks. After restlessly striving to drive away the desire to get up and get it, it mastered me, and out of bed I sprang. For fully an hour I carried on the quest, but all in vain. Every conceivable corner, drawer and such that is a tansanked. The key of to sleep. I had nothing to do that even-

The light in that part of the room was far too dim to allow of my seeing what he was like. His face was slightly averted, also and except that the general looks of the man seemed to be not altogether unfamiliar, I could not in the least tell who he was. The first impulse, least tell who he was. The first impulse, of course, was to sit up and call out, but for some inexplicable reason I restrained it-perhaps because the thought instantly crossed my mind that here was the thief, and upon that I suppose I rapidly con-cluded to watch him, and pretenned to

be still sleeping.

However this may be, I did not move as I observed him creep noiselessly across the room to the and of the mantelpiece farthest from that where I was lving. He appeared not to notice me, and after feeling for a moment between the edge of the looking glass and the wall by the mentel shelf, he took something away, and instantly crossed back to the window by the escritoire. He passed the little gap of light so quickly into the dark corner that I still failed to recognize him. Then I could dimly make out that he was apparently unlocking the lumbering piece of old furniture, though still without making the slightest sound.

"Ho! ho!" thought I, "my fine fellow, now I've caught you, have If You butter and his wife, who, with three have found the key, and are going to servants, attended on the inmates. eh? Well, there's not much that is worth your attention there; you won'

find that a profitable hunting ground!"

I was not long, you may depend, in coming to a determination. While he was still fumbling at the escritoire I rose, and, stealing softly up behind him, suddenly seized him by the back of his collar. He endeavored to writhe out of my grasp, but I turned him round s quickly that we both staggered and fell on the floor in a huddled heap together -he undermost. In the fall I struck my forehead severely against something, probably a projecting chair. For the noment the blow seemed to blind me; uastrung, though at that time I did not but as we had rolled over into the gap know what that meant. Certainly I of light from the window I caught sight never thought of it as an illness, and of his face, turned up as it was toward Why; no other than my own-jes, my very own, as I well knew it in the look-

ing-glass. That one instant of amazement and construction in which, as by a flash, I made this recognition, was followed by a total oblivion of all surrondings. The face and figure seemed to fade away beneath me and to vanish with my consciousness.

ward on the floor, I know not; but in brought me to such a pass. Only very slowly did the circumstances recall themselves. What on earth did they mean? My forehead was unmis-takably cut and still bleeding; indeed, there was a patch of congealed blood on the carpet plainly visible in the broad flood of early sunlight now streaming i beneath the half-raised blind. Had I been dreaming? More tikely I had had a fit; anyhow, I was so utterly be wildered that it was some time before my though became coherent. Then alarmed and fully conscious for the first time in my life that I must be seriously ill or labor ing under some mysterious mental abe down in an adjacent chair.

As my eyes wandered vacantly around they fell upon the circular top of the old escritoire. It was practically open. Some one had been at it, then; that was clear. That was no dream, no fancy-scarcely due to a fit, one would thinkat least, not of the sort I had tremblingly thought of. Yes, and there was the missing key in the lock. When these facts had been fully broken in upon my cob-webbed brain, they led to but one ides. Acting upon it, I pushed the lid turned a key on anything, would be at full open, and with the rapidity of orce to cast a slur on the establishment. thought pulled out one drawer after another, and there, in most of them, were deposited a lot of the articles and jects I had so long missed-there, in this neglected, usless piece of old fur-niture? I turned them all out in a confusion worse confounded than my thoughts. But there they were—almost every one; cigar case, silver match box, trinkets, locket and pocketbook contain-

ing the Scotch bank notes. Then how on earth had they come be in this place? A thief would hardly have stolen them to conceal them thus in my own apartments, unless-unlessand then, very reluctantly, slowly, and at first but vaguely, did I arrive at the conclusion—unless the thief was myself!

Verily, this was an alarming supposi-tion, and confirmed my worst dread. I must be suffering under some frightful, inexplicable brain disease, for that I had done this thing I was wholly and totally

For days and days, however, I took no action. I hesitated to breathe a word

as associative had been mislaid, so I small give him, he did not doubt one said not examine that; but I knew it stagis point.

At length, entirely enhanted, pritated of fevered, and with the chamber caning in your sleep and yourself secreting in your sleep and yourself secreting the various said. contained little else but papers.

At length, entirely arhamsted, critated and fevered, and with the chamber candle expiring with a splutter, I flung myself on a couch in the drawing-room. Dawn had not yet broken, but in a few minutes, as I by there coiled up in my drawing-gown. I unexpectedly fell asleep—a restless, dreaming sleep, full of fantastic, weirelike indescribable shapes.

When I awoke it was daylight, though the room was still shadowy and obscure, save in one spot close to the long window, where the Venetian blind was partially raised—the window nearest that dark corner occupied byy the old escritoire. The head of the couch was toward the mantelpiece, but almost facing the droor from the isading on the further side of the wall.

At the moment I opened my eyes with a feeling of relief at having just escaped some visionary peril, to my amazement I saw that door slowly open and the figure of a man stealthily entering it. It did not make the faintest sound on its hinges, nor did he with his footstep—not so much as the creaking of a plant. The light is that part of the room was far too dim to allow of my seeing what he was like. His face was slightly averted, also, and except that the gen-

the Year-Round.

A Dinner in the Sixteenth Century. A dinner was given in November, 1589, by Marcantonio Colonna, Grand Constable of Naples, on his marriage with the Princess Orsini Peretti, nicos of Pius V, at which several Cardinals were present. On the plates were little figures of boys holding shields, on which were the arms of the guests-so that they could find their places without causing confusion-and cupids and angels holding labels, with amorous mot-

toes and nosegays. The first course of the "Credenza" was of tweaty-one dishes, including salads of radishes, capers and kids' feet, heads of wild boars boiled in wine, with their snouts silvered and artificial fire issuing from them, garnished with herbs and flowers; salted buffalo tongues boiled in wine, cock pheasants on their feet, as if alive, and holding perfumes in their beaks, and roast peacocks served with a sauce made of pomegranates and lemons, their beaks and feet gilt and their beautiful necks and tails displayed. In the first course of hot meats were

the most delicate birds-ortolans, phessants, woodcocks, larks, and (field(ares); in the second, of twenty dishes, calves' heads with stuffing, roasted on the spit; bologna sausages, capons stuffed with chestnuts, roast red-legged partridges in paper garaushed with sour oranges, rosst gray partridges stuffed in the Spanish fashion and sprinkled with resewater, and a sweet dish called

The third course was of eighteen dishes, among which were phessants stuffed with truffles, olives and fresh fennel, garnished with sour oranges and fennel, roast sucking pigs, peacocks larded with lampreys and stuffed with truffles, Indian pigeons, large truffles surmounted by imperial crows, tender crabs, eaten with salt and vinegar, with a ducal corenet upon each, and lobsters crowned with the papal tiara.

The second course of the "Credenza" consisted of twelve dishes, among which were entire truffles served in napkins, and sweet feanel and thistles served with butter in silver plates and garnished with

sour oranges and ginger.

After the dinner was handed round sweetments from different parts of Italy, such as preserved fruits from Genoa, cheese of Naples, "vasetti" from Bo-logas, "persicata" (peach-cheese), also from Genos, little boxes (of comfits) from the Romagna, sticks of cinnamon from Bergamo, and bon-bons from Foligno, and Portuguese marmadale.

Bob-tailed Dogs of Alaska.

"Every dog in Alaska is bob-tailed," remarked Mr. Turner, a returned traveler, as he kicked over a narrow tobog housand of miles of frozen snow. the immediate neighborhood of our camp on the Porcupine there were about 15 natives. Everyone had dogs enough to drag him over the country, and every dog was minus his tail. Owing to the soft snow a path must be beaten by snowsoft show a path must be beauted by shows shoes for the dogs, and they are drives tandem to minimize the labor of sledging. They are hitched so close together that tails would be a nuisance to the dog behind, so they are eliminated.

too, for the mosquitos fly in clouds the in the spring, driving every living ani-mal before them. Even the black bears must lie all day in the water with nothin but their noses sticking out to keep th mosquitos from blinding them. W could not have lived without mosquite netting, for they are so thick and blood that they will drive a person frantic in five minutes' time."-San Fran cisco Chroniole.

Power of a Pound of Coal. A curious and interesting calculation has been made by Professor Rogers, of Washington, D. C., on the dynamic power of coal. According to the Professor, a single pound of good steam coal has within it dynamic power equivalent to the work of one man for one day. Three the work of one man for one day. Three tons of the same coal represent a man's labor for a period, of twenty years, and one square mile of a seam of coal, having a depth of four feet only, represents as much work as one million (1,000,000) men can perform in twenty years!

Such calculations as the above may serve to remind us how very wanteful our methods of burning fuels must be, in

methods of burning fuels must be, in spite of all that has been done by inven-tors in the way of economy.

QUEEN OF PRESH WATER SEAS.

Perhaps the handsomest, costliest and best equipped stams hip that ever assisted into Chicago is the Goodrich Transportation Company's Virginia, which arrived recently direct from the hands of her Cleveland builders. Massive in outline and construction, and yet molded on lines as graceful as a yacht's, and combining speed and weatherly qualities, she was the pride of every fresh water sailor who boarded her for inspection. Such a evesp of deck room, such a display of novelty sud ingenuity that was everywhere apparent, and such thoroughness in the minor details of outfitting were never som before on the lakes. The Virginia is essentially a perfected edition, though on a smaller scale, of the occan gray-hounds, whose running is one of the marvels of the times. Equipped with twin screws that are turned by powerful triple expansion engines, she will doubtless be able to show her heels to anything that floats on the lakes. Her interior fittings and arrangements are rich and arisatio, and include a number of novelties, among which folding bertha will probably prove the most popular. The dining saloon is located in the forward hold space, and is reached by a solid mahogany stair-case leading from the forward end of case leading from the forward end o



the main cabin. The first stairway the main cabin. The first starrway extends from the cabin to a hallway on the main deck. This hallway is finished in mahogany, and from it the stairway continues to the salcon, which is richly furnished. The celling is divided into pauels filled with Lincrusta walton, and in the center of each panel is an electric light pendant. In addition to these lights three electrocies. In addition to these lights three electrotiers are hung from the central beam running fore and aft through the salcon. With the exception of mahogany the entire salcon is fini hed in the tasteful and fashionable style of decoration known as ivory and gold.

The dimensions of the hull are 278 feet over all, 260 feet keel, 38 feet beam, and 25 feet deep. The water bottom is divided into six sections, three on either side and contains a

bottom is divided into six sections, three on either side, and contains a tank that will hold 45,000 gallons of fresh water. The hull has six water-tight bulkheads in addition to collision and stuffing box bulkheads, so that if the boat should be cut squarely in two both ends would float.

This Rend Was Up on Stilts. Probably the most unique railroad ever built in this country was the old Bradford & Foster Brook. It conneeted Bradford with Derrick City and was only tour miles long, but did an mmense bu iness during the boom days in the oil regions. It was built in 1877 and two years later went down in a smush that killed a number of people. The road was appropriately nicknamed the "Peg Leg" from its peculiar construction, for it was built on liar construction, for it was built on stills, and passengers entered the cars from the second stories of the stations. Frank Campbell, the Traveling Au-ditor of the Pittaburg & Western, was one of the officials of the old "Peg Leg," and gives the following interesting account of its construction and how it was operated:

"I here was but one main rail, which was of iron, but there were two auxili-ary wooden rails. The main rail rested on strong wooden beams supported by massive stanchions strongly braced. About two seet below the top beam were two wooden rails about eight inches in width, which were securely nailed to the supporting stanchions. The wooden rails were mainly for bal-The wooden rails were mainly for bal-ancing purposes. The height of the odd little road varied from twelve to twenty-five feet, according to the lay of the land in the valley through which it was built. Without this ele-vation the scheme of the inventor would have been impossible. The care fitted on the rail like saddle-bags, thanging down on each side, and were hanging down on each side, and were really two-story cars, the upper portion being used for passenge, and the lower story for freight. The grotesque-look-ing train was headed by two engines connected with each other other, one on each side of the man rail, the two fireman put on more coal he war obliged to descend to the furnace by a ladder. The engines and cas ran on a set of central wheels which probalancing like the cars. When the a set of central wheels which pro-truded through the foors into wooden hoods put on to prevent their damaging passengers. The cars were narrow and the main rails were broad. When-ever the ar tilted side wheels caught the wooden rails and sided to preserve the equilibrium of the train.

A man with a pair of fine pointer dogs had some trouble on West street a few days ago. At a certain place the dogs stopped and assumed their most business aspect and he could neither move them nor explain the reason for their strange conduct. At last he glared at the sign over the door and the matter was clear. It read: "A. Partridge."—Noak's Sunday Times.

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