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Well, I had a scare once in my life that I hope will never be repeated, and its a wonder I didn't turn gray right then and

I married a western girl, and we came to New York to live. It wasn't such a took the vacant seat by the side of the crowded place as it is to-day, but had nice green lanes in some parts of it, and even meadows. I was followin' the sea in those days, as I am now, and I thought Sally would be more contented in a lively city while I was gone away on long voyages.

It was hard work sayin' good-bye to my wife when I started away on long trips, but she said as soon as I was captain she would travel with me.

Well, I went off on a six months' veyage the year I had the terrible scare. We struck some queer outlandish ports, and I had a great pile of stuff for Sally when we turned about for home, presents that I knew she'd value.

It often used to seem as if the ship wasn't fast enough for me; as if I must jump overboard and swim. I wanted home, and I wanted Saily, as a baby wants its mother. So you may judge if I lost time in getting ashore when once we reached New York. None of us did, for that matter, but I reckon I was first. I had my bundles under my arm and my pay in my poeket. I'd oiled my hair and I wore my shore clothes. My hands were as brown as an Indian's, with sun and wind, and I guess my face was about the same color. But if I looked as I felt I looked happy. With the motion of the ship beneath my feet yet, I took my way toward my home, looking out for Saily all the way, for if she knew the ship was in she'd surely come to glowed and smiled beneath the ardent rays meet me. Not a sign of her did I see, though, and I came to the corner of my street-Norfolk was its name-with a queer little fear in my heart that made me pause and hardly dare to turn itand then I took the step and saw a little crowd about the door of my home, and before it -oh, good heaven! a hearseblack and awful, and a carriage before my house. "Yes, yes-but," says I to myself, "yes; it might stand there and not be from there. Courage, Jack! God wouldn't do that to you. Not He. Have faith-have trust! Was ever there a night you didn't pray He'd bring you back safe to Sally, and do you think He won't answer you? Courage, Jack!" And then I staggered on and stood among the people, and my door was open; and a man-serious, oldish, kind-took hold of my arm and led me aside.

"W'o is dead?" I asked.

"I don't know," said he. I took courage at that; for if it was my Sally surely he'd know her-surely.

"It's a sailor's wife," he added. "She lived alone there. Last night a woman came and said: 'There's a case of cholera get frightened at nothing, but I went in a hurry. It was cholera. I did all I could for her, but she died. The neighbors do not know her name. She hasn't lived here

long-did you know her ?" "God grant I didn't," said I : "but I left I left her there when I sailed.

He looked at me gravely. They say her husband is a sailor," said. "She told them so."

We went into the house. There were all the things I knew so well. I rushed from room to room. I moaned and wept. "It can't be," I cried. "It can't be!" but I

At last the doctor got me into the carriage. We drove to the graveyard, God knows how. I saw the earth cover the coffin, and then I hoped I was dying; but I came to again in the carriage, and I stood at my own desolate door. The doctor had been kind and he told me all that must be done before the place would be fit to live in; but I did not care for life; I wanted to die, and I turned faint again, and he, good man, was loath to leave me; and so we stood, neighbors peering at us through the shutters, as I knew, when suddenly I saw a

I had just been to her funeral, but there stood Sally looking at me. She was dressed in white, with a little blue bonnet on her head, and spirit though I knew she must be, looked fresh and young and bright. I stared at her. The cry I gave rang through the street and she flew to me. Ghost or no ghost, I held her fast. She was warm and soft in my arms. She kissed me and I kissed her and cried:

" If I've gone crazy, let me stay so for Sally has come back to me somehow." And for all that had come and gone, it was Sally and not her ghost, either.

If my life depended on it I couldn't tell you just how she made me understand, or just how I made her understand-I guess the doctor did it-but this is what had happened: The cholera breaking out. Saily's old folks wouldn't let her stay in the city, and took her out with them, and just at that time Sally hears of a young woman, mighty poor and mighty downhearted, who was waiting for news of her husband's ship. So she says to her: "There's a house empty; I want no rent; you're welcome until I need to live there again." And it was this poor soul that had

As for her husband, his ship was lost and all hands with it; so may hap they met in heaven; and it was best ..

At all events we're made so that we must think of our own first, and I was gladthe Lord only knows how glad-with Sally in my arms again. We're together yet old folks now, but happy with our children about us.

Making Them "Look Pleasant."

Caller-How do you manage to get such pleasant expressions on the faces of your

Photographer-Easy enough. I have a pretty girl to manage the camera.

Cause for Depression.

Medical Examiner (for insurance company) -You appear to be in a very weak, nervous, depressed physical condition.

Applicant for Insurance-Yes, your agents have been chinning at me for six

New York society circles are excited regarding the great number of marriages likely to occur after Lent. Ice cream is to be a high priced luxury this summer and it's a case of marry or bust with many of FAINT HEART NEVER, ETC.

The voice of the young man had a tremulous, vibrant quality, and a glow like that of a June sunset spread over his face, as he young woman and greeted her joyfully. "This is an unexpected pleasure, Miss Beane," he said. " i did not know you

were on the train. I am not presuming too much, I hope, in rejoicing in the anticipation of a delightful trip instead of the long, tiresome journey of half a day that I had resigned myself to suffer when I came aboard.

" Certainly not, Mr. Winterbottom." she replied, and the observant young man noted an increasing quickness in the fluttering movements of the feathers and flummadiddles on the travelling hat of his fair companion not due altogether to the jar of

"Her heart is beating faster," he said to himself, but even in the rapture that thrilled his frame and tingled to the end of his fingers at this discovery he felt he had taken a sneaking advantage of her and learned something he had no right as yet to know.

For months Cyrus Winterbottom had carried in his heart the image of the lovely girl who now sat by his side. For months he had hoped that the time and the opportunity might come when he-but let us not anticipate.

The train thundered along over rocky gorges, around the base of precipitous cliffs. and down into spacious vaileys upon which the promise of a glorious spring was already showing itself in a landscape that of the sun; but the young man heeded not the panorama of surpassing loveliness that was unfolding itself on either hand. He had something better to look at.

"Miss Vanilla," he said, with a beating heart, as he braced himself with a superhuman effort, " this may seem an inopportune moment for the confession I am about to make, but I am impelled by a feeling I can no longer resist. My heart hungers for-

" Tickets !"

It was the conductor who spoke.

A shade of annoyance crossed the brow of the young man at the interruption. He produced his ticket, handed it to the official, and in a few moments resumed :

" I was about to say that I have carried in my breast a burden I can bear no longer. It is for you to say whether I must suffer a still heavier one or whether life shall have a new meaning for me henceforth. Vanilla Beane, I love-

"Caramels, peanuts, figs, gum?" inquired the trainboy. "No!" said Cyrus shortly. "Have you

ever felt that the time must come, sooner or later, Vanilla, when—" " Life of Jesse James!" suggested the

train boy, returning to the attack: magazines, latest railway guide, Rob rt Els-"I tell you I don't want anything!"

exclaimed the exasperated young man. "May I tell you what is in my heart, my wife living in that house; we own it. Vanilla? I-No, sir; I don't know what How Many Minutes Have Pr the next station is, sir, and I don't care I have looked forward to the time, my own Vanilla, when I could summon the courage to tell you how inexpressibly dear to me you are, and to ask you if you will be my wife. Will-"

There was a sudden crash. A broken rail had thrown the train from the track. The car rolled down the embankment. At the first wild lunge of the coach Vanilla Beane had seized the young man about the neck with a convulsive clasp, and though the passengers were cavorting and plunging about the car from floor to ceiling and ceiling to floor in the careless, unstudied freedom of motion and absence of all ceremony that may always be observed in an affair of this kind, she did not lose her self possession.

"Cyrus Winterbottom," she shrieked into his ear, with the resolute, fearless, let-no-guilty-man-escape voice of a young woman attending strictly to business,

Bang! " Will-Thud! " Be your-Crash " Little-Crunch!

" Wife!" Boom! Rattle! Bang! "There, Cyrus, darling! We've got down to the bottom at last. Straighten out my hat, love."-Chicago Tribune.

Their Glory Departing.

Recent travellers among the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia say the beauty of the mountains is being greatly forbearing husband," sobbed John's widow impaired by forest fires, that leave only on her return from the funeral. "Yes," blackened trunks where magnificent timber said a sympathizing neighbor, "but it is had spread over large areas. Cinders from all for the best. You must try to comlocomotives along the Canadian Pacific fort yourself, my dear, with the thought and the carelessness of mining prospectors that your husband is at peace at last. kindle the resinous trees, which burn with extraordinary fury, often eating out even the roots, and leaving nothing but ashes. Capt. Wharton says that those who wish must visit it soon, before they are robbed of half their charm by the terrible fires, the smoke of which last summer often New Testament; total, 105. The shortest shut out the view of the mountains entirely. Mr. Green thinks that the fate of all the timber along the railroad is sealed. Probably no part of this continent has Columbia in the grandeur of their pine forests, and it is not a pleasing spectacle to contemplate the destruction of this towering timber, which not only adorns the landscape, but could be made of the utmost utility.

Playing at Hanging With a Fatal Result.

Albert Cundall, aged 15, met with his death at Leeds, England, the other night while playing at hanging. He had been reading a sensational tale, in which the hero was suspended to a tree, and is saved by a beautiful maiden just as life is about to leave him. It is believed that the deceased thought that if he tried the experiment he would be saved in a similar manner.

The only color which can be determined by the sense of touch is blue. A blind man would know when he is feeling blue. - Wall Street News.

There are but two native-born Kansans in the Kansas Legislature.

"EDITOR'S BACK STAIRS."

A Case that Dims the Record of the The Interesting Views of the Late Dr. Strange Tale of Rats, Hazel Nuts and J. G. Holland.

The cofumns of the newspapers appear successful than many physicians, and the sea.
most of them, it should be remembered, "On a medical practice. When, however, any shrewd person, knowing their virtue, and foreseeing their popularity, secures and bigoted, all virtue went out of them." Is not this absurd?

This great man appreciated the real public attention was called to the article and the evidence of their cures.

If an ulcer is found upon one's arm, and is cured by some dear old grandmother, outside of the code, it will be pronounced importance. But if treated under the code, the scientific treatment, viz., plasters, washes, dosing with morphine, arsenic and other vile substances, given to prevent blood becomes malignant, and amputation is made necessary at last, to save life, yet all done according to the "isms" of the medical code, this is much more gratifying to the medical profession, and adds more dignity to that dis inguished order than to be cured by the dear old grandmother's remedy.

One of the most perplexing things of the day is the popularity of certain remedies. especially Warner's Safe Cure, which we find for sale everywhere. The physician of the highest standing is ready to concede its merhave made—that is, that it benefits in most of the ailments of the human system die scientifically, and according to the had taken reasonable precaution and discode, rather than have him cured by this missed the suit. great remedy.

The discoverer comes boilly before the people with its merits, and proclaims them that " Dr. So and so was in attendance," thus securing for his benefit a beautiful and free advertisement.

We shall leave it to our readers to say which is the wiser and more honorable.

ABSTRUSE CALCULATION.

the Christian Era Began.

The question has recently been answered in an interesting article published in a German journal, the Munich Neueste not a milliard minutes have passed. The policeman who made the seizure : calculation is as follows: 1888 multiplied by 365 days equals 689,120 days, to which this man's house?" must be added 460 leap days, making a total of 689,580 days, which contain 16,549,-920 hours, or 992,995,200 minutes, that is 7,004.800 minutes less than a milliard. The milliard minutes will be reached in the year 1902, on the 28th of April, at 10.40 a.m. Taking in consideration that the indemnity paid by France to Germany after francs, it follows that if this sum were to li-lient.' be paid at the rate of five francs-about \$1 -for every minute since the beginning of the Christian era up to date, that sum sent time. - T. G. H. in Scientific American.

Some Social Slips. man. "Oh, pray excuse me; I thought it was my husband's," was the unexpected half pint of whiskey if it was all he had in reply. In another instance of conjugal the house?" amenities, a wife said to her husband: saw Mrs. Becker this morning, and she leaving their seats. complained that on the occasion of her last visit you were so rude to her that she thought she must have offended you." 'Nothing of the kind," he answered. "On the contrary, I like her very much; but it was rather dark at the time, and when I entered the room at first I thought it was

Biblical Curiosities.

There is no date from beginning to end in the Bible. It comprises some sixty docuto see all the landscape glories of this region ments and is supposed to have been written by about forty men; fifty-four miracles are recorded in the Old and fifty-one in the verse in the Old Testament is "Remember Lot's wife." There is one in the New Testament as short as John xi. 35, in point of words, but not in letters, viz. : Thessarivalled Washington Territory and British lonians v. 16, "Rejoice evermore." Then there are two chapters in the Bible alike verbatim, and one book, Esther, in which the Deity is not mentioned.

You Can Remain a Cousin.

Canada will not even be a sister to us, but has tossed our letters out in the front yard and set the dog on us. Canada, must we part? -Albany Journal.

"In the accounts of the marriage of the Emperor of China," said Mrs. McCrackle. " I see that his household comprises seven cooks and thirty physicians." "That s about the right proportion," replied Mc-

Young Painter-" Well, what do you say to my views of Subiaco?" Critic—"My dear friend, there are certain views one must keep to oneself."

It always bothers a Frenchman who is learning English to read one day that a murder has been committed, and the next day that the murderer has been committed. The marriage ceremony.

A BAGFUL OF BODENTS.

Nautical Law. Capt. Crosby, of a Nova Scotia barque to be flooded with proprietary medicine now unloading at pier No. 13, East River, advertisements. As we cast our eye over is a jolly old sea dog, well-known as a them, it brings to mind an article that was veteran of the coast trade, says the New published by the late Dr. Holland in York Evening Sun. About 50 years of age, Scribner's Monthly. He says: "Neverthe- broad-shouldered and heavily built, his less, it is a fact that many of the best pro- face thickly covered with a black beard, prietary medicines of the day were more the captain is easily the ideal skipper of

"On a recent voyage to New York," said were at first discovered or used in actual the captain, "I carried a cargo consisting, in part, of some 500 bags of hazel nuts. When we made port the owner of the cargo came on board. I assured him of its advertises them, then, in the opinion of the safety, and together we went through th ship. Everything was all right until we came to the nuts. Imagine our surprise to see the bags torn and the nuts lying scatmerits of popular remedies, and the abtered in heaps here and there. A small surdity of those that derided them because hole had been gnawed in the end of each nut and the meat extracted as clean as a whistle. The work of rats, of course.

"The next day a sallow-faced chap, wearing his hair down to his shoulders, came on board, said he was a professional by the medical profession an ulcer of little rat catcher, and offered to clear the ship gentle in their action but true in their work. for \$5. I engaged his services on the spot. causing sleep ess nights for a month, with Descending into the hold with no visible harmful in them. They are purely vegetable poisoning or deaden pain, and yet the ulcer reappeared, his bag full of the rodents. I at me, and deliberately let fall the bag. The rate bounded forth, and every one of them made for the ship they had so lately left. A curious sight it was, too, I assure

" Before I could make a move the fellow took to his heels, stopping only long enough to bawl out that he'd do the work over again for another \$5. If I only had him here," continued the irate captain, its and sustain the theories the proprietors warming up under the recital of his wrongs, "I'd make him walk the plank." A result of the loss of the nuts was to because it assists in putting the kidneys in develop a curious point in nautical law. proper condition, thereby aiding in throw- | the owner of the cargo sued to recover the ing off the impurities of the blood, while value of the nuts, but as Capt. Crosby others with less honesty and experience proved that he kept a cat on board the ship deride, and are willing to see their patient during the voyage the court held that he

Won His Case.

There used to be in practice, in one of from door to door and is in our opinion the southeastern cities of Massachusetts, a much more honorably than the physician well-known lawyer who had a considerable who, perchance, may secure a patient degree of success at the bar in spite of an from some catastrophe, and is permitted infirmity of speech that he never could get to set a bone of an arm or a finger, which rid of. His stuttering appeals in behalf of he does with great dignity, yet very soon his clients were sometimes fearful and after takes the liberty to climb the editor's wonderful deliverances oratorically, but back stairs at 2 o'clock in the morning to his opponents used to say that they really have it announced in the morning paper gained in effectiveness from his stutt ering, because the jury not only sympathized with him, but had time to take in and digest all his points.

One day he appeared in a Bristol county court room before Judge Pitman and a an unparalleled record as a cure for coughs. jury to defend a very tough-looking citizen colds and all forms of pulmonary diseases. who had been arrested on a charge of It is a reliable tonic and alternative or selling liquor without a license. The man blood purifier, to be found at every drug and a bad reputation and a bad face whiskey had been found on his prmises and if ever a man was convicted before he was tried it seemed to be this one.

But his stuttering lawyer was equal to Nachrichten, with the surprising result that the emergency. He cross-questioned the

"You s-s-say you found the li-li-li-quor in

" Yes." "W-w-w-hat kind of liquor w-w-was it?" "Whiskey."

'Um. Now, h-h-how much w-h-h-hiskey did you f-f-f-f-find?" "About half a pint, sir."

"H-h-h-half a pint; yes. Now, g-g-g-ggentlemen of the j.j.j.jury, I want you to the war of 1870-72 amounted to five milliard take a good 1-1-1-long look at my c-c-c-c-li-

The jury took a good, long look at him. He wasn't a very pleasant sight to see; his nose was a sort of purple vermillion, and would not have been paid yet at the pre. considerably exaggerated in its proportions

at that; his brows were low and shaggy, and his eyes bleared. "Now, g.g.g.g.gentlemen of the j-j-j-j "I beg your pardon, madam, but you ju-u-ry," the lawyer went on, "I want you are sitting on my hat," exclaimed a gentle. to t-t-t-tell me if my c-c-c-c-li-lient looks like a man that would s-s-s-s-sell a

The jury acquitted the man without

Nothing New Under the Sun.

Mrs. Fangle—Well, this is strange! Mr. Fangle—What is it, my dear?

"A man in Paris has taught an ape to black his shoes.' "Oh, there's nothing remarkable about you." "Poor John-he was a kind and that, my dear. I've often heard of monkeyshines.'

Wouldn't Forget Him.

"Remember me to your father, like a good boy," said the minister. "It's not worth while," replied little Johnny. "I heard the old man say he We want a good MAN in your locality to pick up

you put away at our house."

would never forget you after that big dinner

Reformation Begun.

Mrs. A.—My husband is beginning to re-Mrs. B.—Indeed? I saw him going in a

parroom to-day. Mrs. A.-Yes. I know. He went in for a glass of whiskey, but he takes water with

Safe Things to Bet On. Always in at the death-The undertaker. Usually down at the heel-The rider's

Fast colors—Those of the jockey. Sure to be knocked out-The bung in the beer barrel.

The Unexpected.

Winks (rushing in triumphantly)-" Mrs. angtry is married." Crowd-" Who to?"

Winks-"Mr. Langtry."

M. Geisendorf, son of the Swiss Consul t Cannes, has been found murdered near the railroad track at Monte Carlo. His valise, which was lying near by, had been rifled. He had recently wen large sums at the gaming tables.

The railroad man, like the pugilist, does not like to get out of training. What is the most desirable love-knot

Joy Doubled.

Two little girls are better than one, Two little boys can double the fun, Two little birds can build a fine nest, Two little arms can love mother best.

Two little ponies must go in a span. Two little pockets has my little man Two little eyes to open and close, Two little ears and one little nose

Two little elbows, dimpled and sweet Two little shoes on two little feet, Two little lips and one little chin, Two little cheeks with roses set in

Two little shoulders, chubby and strong Two little legs running all day long,
Two little prayers does my darling say,
Two times does she kneel by my side each day

Two little hands soft folded down Two little eyelids o'er cheeks so brown, Two little angels guarding her bed. One at the footand one at the head.

-American Queen

Truth is Tough.

Does not Mr. Bryant say that "Truth will get well if she is run over by a locemetive, while error dies of lockjaw if she scratches her finger." The truth about Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will be found hard to suppress. All who take them find them Don't be afraid of mercury or anything implements but a large bag and a dark and perfectly harmless. No use of taking lantern, the hatches were closed, and after the large, repulsive, nauseous pills. These a lapse of several hours the fellow Pellets (Little Liver Pills) are scarcely larger than mustard seeds. They cure paid over the money and he left the ship. Sick Headache, Bilious Headache, Dizzi-When upon the dock he turned, leered ness, Constipation, Indigestion and Bilious Attacks; 25 cents a vial, by druggists.

The Wicked Finally Brought Low.

" Father," said Rollo, affirmatively, Tom Ochiltree and I broke a window in the school-house to-day." "Well?" said Mr. Holiday, inquiringly. "Well, Tom said he didn't know anything about it and the teacher licked him for lying; and I owned up and said I did it, and then he icked me for breaking the window." That seems hard," said Rollo's father, but Tom's punishment was greater than yours, for his conscience upbraided him. I don't think he has any," said Rollo, sadly, "and beside, I got the worst of it, anyhow, for T mlicked me after school for owning up." "I know, my son, but remember the wicked are exalted for a little while, but are gone out and brought low." 'I guess that's so," said Rollo, greatly comforted, "for just as he was climbing over the fence I caught him on the head with a brick that sent his left ear about

Arrested 131 Times.

two inches ahead."

Not long ago a man was before a New York judge, who asserted he had been arrested 131 times. We believe there is one disturber of society who has broken this record. We refer to the insidious disease consumption, which, when taken in time, is always arrested by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It has

A Great Scheme.

A man in a Western town has been making a small fortune by selling a powder to put in lamps to make the light burn more brightly. The packages were sold for 25 cents each, and on examination the compound proved to be nothing but common salt. In other cities agents have been sell ing fluids which make a flame something like gas when a certain kind of burner used. The liquids are largely composed gasoline and are sold in direct violation

Catarrh is a common disease, so common that snuffing and "hawking" reach you at very turn. Your foot slips in its nasty discharge, in the omnibus or in church, and ts stench disgusts at the lecture or concert. The proprietors of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy offer \$500 reward for a case of Catarrh which they cannot cure. Remedy sold by druggists at 50 cents.

Preparing for an Emergency. Minister (from the pulpit) -" As the air of the church seems chilly, I would ask the

tion will now be taken up.' -Nine-tenths of the telegraphic error are attributed to poor handwriting.

sexton if he will kindly close the front doors

and windows of the building. The collec-

The bulk of the water of the ocean has a very low temperature; it is ice cold at the bottom, even under the equator, but on the surface within the tropics there is a relatively thin film of warm water with a temperature of from 70 ° to 80 ° Fahrenheit.

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