

WORKED LIKE A PROSPECTOR

Wicked Trick of a Western Man on a New York Kid.

"The been seeing New York," announced the western man, as he blew into the office of a New York friend in a downtown skyscraper.

"Money Island?" inquired the New York friend, languidly. "Oh, of course." "Shoot the chutes?" "Blot everything in sight. But the best time I had was with a kid down there."

"There are plenty of them." "Yes, New York doesn't have to worry about race suicide. This chap was about three years old. He was sitting in the sand on the beach with a toy shovel and a tin bucket. I looked at him while, and when he wasn't looking I slipped two or three cents down the hole he had dug. When he resumed his labors his eyes widened. He couldn't believe his luck. It was better than finding pay dirt to watch him. He dug up the cash with a yell and started to find his mother, rather down the beach. While he was going I slid in a few more coppers and threw a little sand over them. He came right back and began digging, and, of course, he soon made another find. That settled him. He gathered in the goods and then he buckled down to work on that hole like a prospector. I'll bet he's digging there yet if his mother hasn't dragged him away, and if she has I'll bet he's saved some before he went."—N. Y. Sun.

"CHATTER" CALLS OBSOLETE.

Old Social Custom of Forefathers is Passing Away.

Here is a thing that would be regarded as curious by our grandmothers, if they were alive to know it—salting and visiting are going out of fashion. Ministers and doctors make calls, but of a professional character, and when a foreign ship arrives in our harbor its captain must exchange calls with the commandant of the navy yards, but that is professional too, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

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OLD BOOK IS VALUABLE

SACRED BURMESE WORK TAKEN FROM EASTERN TEMPLE.

Given to Minnesota Man by English Army Officer—Said to Be Over 6,000 Years Old and Worth Small Fortune.

Fergus Falls, Minn.—In the possession of E. J. Oxley, of this city, is a Burmese book of exceeding value. It is about 18 inches in length, and the leaves are 2 3/4 inches in width and much thicker than ordinary paper. Fastened together they make a volume about five inches thick. The leaves are sections of palm leaf, paper being unknown until centuries after this particular book was made, and the characters are delicately cut into the leaves, so that there is no such thing as fading.

PILOT THE WHOLE THING.

Young Woman Evidently Thought Ship's Officers Had Snapped.

Among the passengers on an Atlantic liner when it left New York recently was a charming young woman from St. Louis, who was making her first trip abroad. The vessel had not proceeded far when the fair passenger approached the captain and said: "The ship appears to be stopping. Why should we stop here?" "We stop here to let the pilot off," was the reply.

LOVE AND REVENGE.

Peculiar Conduct of a Monkey Causes Sailors Much Trouble.

A curious story of love and revenge comes to us from the far east and the fact that it is the love and revenge of a Javanese monkey doesn't abate the human interest in the narrative. Nor should the further fact that the tale comes to us via the crew of a tramp steamer abate all confidence in its truth. It appears that the sailors who manned this steamer had collected in Java a number of monkeys for speculative purposes and these were confined in the hold.

MUST HAVE BEEN LIFELIKE.

Portrait Evidently Belonged to "Impressionistic" School.

The late Edward Rosewater, the founder and editor of the Omaha Bee, had a sincere love of art. Mr. Rosewater hated pictures that indicated scamped work—so-called impressionistic pictures that were merely rough and hurried sketches, and so-called portraits that bore no likeness to their originals.

GERMAN WAS IN THE MARKET.

Didn't Want the Farm, But Was Willing to Buy Hogs.

An Oklahoma paper tells this one: Some few days ago two Oklahoma City real estate men had a German farmer in tow and carried him into the country to see a farm which has considerable low land and where overflows are frequent. They passed a barn where the high water mark was about eight feet above the ground.

ENTERPRISE OF AN UNCLE.

He Accomplished an Elopement for His Shy Nephew.

Geneva.—An amusing abduction occurred recently at Huningue, on the Swiss-German frontier, near Bale, where a wealthy retired merchant named Felix was arrested on a charge of carrying off a girl, but was liberated as soon as the facts of the case became known to the police.

BUILD PEN AROUND SNAKES.

Idaho Farmers Are Forced to Fence in a Den of Rattlers.

Council, Idaho.—The young sons of Jeff Donant and Frank Richardson had an exciting experience with a den of rattlesnakes on the latter's ranch on Hornet creek. They killed 21 reptiles in a few minutes, and apparently did not make much of an impression on the number that inhabit the den.

RED MAN'S SIGNATURE.

Indian Chiefs, Treating with Government Now Have to Append Their Thumb-prints to the Documents.

Indian chiefs, treating with the government now have to append their thumb-prints to the documents. Instead of cross-marks, as hitherto. The reason is that chiefs have frequently repudiated the cross-marks and the obligations involved. The first document has just been signed by thumb-print. It was a treaty between the government and the Umatilla Indians, of Washington, to allow cattle to cross the Indian reservation unharmed.

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Most of the producing countries share in the advance, the notable exceptions being Belgium and Russia. The greatest gain is in the United States, whose output has jumped from 318,276,000 to 352,694,000 tons, or a rise of 6 1/2 per cent. America is now by far the largest producer, though the United Kingdom is no mean second and still remains the biggest exporter. The production of the United Kingdom, according to British official figures, was 239,889,000, as against 236,147,000 tons, or an advance of 1 1/2 per cent.

Germany, the third largest producer, mined 173,664,000 tons, as against 169,448,000 tons, or a gain of 2 1/2 per cent. The output of India increased from 7,682,000 to 7,921,000 tons and of Japan from 11,606,000 to 11,895,000 tons. Austria-Hungary's total is 40,725,000, as compared with 40,335,000 tons, and France's contribution is 36,048,000, as against 34,502,000 tons. The yield of Canada has grown from 6,814,000 to 7,969,000 tons and of South Africa from 3,015,000 to 3,219,000 tons. Spain's output remains at about 3,200,000 tons. A decline is shown in the chief producing states of Australasia. New South Wales and New Zealand. The production of Belgium has dropped from 23,380,000 to 21,844,000 tons and of Russia from 19,318,000 to 17,120,000 tons, but the exceptional factors that must be taken into account in the latter case are, of course, obvious.

SOLVES A VEXING PROBLEM.

Danish Electrician Perfects New Wireless Telegraph System.

London.—An entirely new system of wireless telegraphy has been submitted to the international wireless telegraph conference at Berlin, and it has proved an immense success. It is the invention of Vladimir Poulsen of Copenhagen. Its chief feature is described as the substitution of a continuous flow of energy to the receiver for the old method of intermittent sparks. It is claimed this new device for obtaining continuous Hertzian oscillations from an electric arc solves immediately the much vexed question of interference between stations working simultaneously.

Practically any number of stations within range of each other may now, it is stated, intercommunicate without fear of mutual interference. Each station equipped with the new apparatus can be put in communication with any other station without interrupting other lines of communication. Under the new system wireless stations can receive many messages simultaneously over separate lines of communication. As to the future possibilities of the new telegraphy, the opinion is expressed that probably in the near future there will be duplex wireless telegraphy. Stations equipped with the new system already are working in Denmark and giving perfect results. Other stations are in course of erection elsewhere.

LAD IS SUCCESSFUL EDITOR.

Sedalia, Mo.—Paul H. Appleby, of Sedalia, was 15 years old the other day, but he has been the successful editor of a paper for boys called the Champ since he was ten years old.

Paul is a minister's son, and all the money he has put into his little publication he earned himself by carrying papers three routes, and during school months he has one route. He is now in the second year at the high school and has not missed an edition of his magazine for five years. He intends to enlarge his paper as he grows older and later to enter the professional magazine field.

FIND \$50,000 FORTUNE IN BARN.

Winona, Minn.—Believing that Lemuel Hill, an aged bachelor who died in this city seven years ago, went to his grave with a secret regarding a fortune which relatives supposed he had saved during his long life of a recluse, search was begun on his farm at Pleasant Hill, Minn. The searchers were rewarded after an all-day hunt by finding under the floor of the barn personal property belonging to the dead man valued at about \$54,000.

WAS STRONG ON MANNERS.

Frederic Ireland, Stenographer of the House of Representatives, at the convention at Atlantic City of the National Association of Stenographers, said, apropos of a rash course: "I can't approve of this action because I am a foe to rashness. In handling the affairs of a great body of men I believe in prudence and carefulness. I am almost as prudent and careful as the weak-minded Scot of Peebles."

"This Scot, a silly look on his face was skating near the famous iron bridge of Peebles on a winter day. Some young ladies wished to skate under the bridge, but they did not know whether the ice was safe or not. So, approaching the Scot, the young est and prattiest of them said: "San der, would you mind just gliding under the bridge and back so as to test the ice?"

"The half-witted Sanders took off his cap, and with a bow and smile replied: "Na, na! If I am daft I keep my manners. Ladies first!"

A PRUDENT YOUTH.

Father—Let me see, John, how old are you now? Son—Just 30. Father—Don't you think it about time you took your medical degree and started to work? Son—Oh, no, father; people have so little confidence in young doctors!

EASY MONEY.

In a shop on Broadway a line of hats was being offered at a price which the dealer vehemently declared to be "less than cost." Apparently well pleased with the bargain which he felt satisfied that he had made, a purchaser inquired:

"How is it that you can afford to sell these hats at less than cost to you?"

"That is easy enough," complacently replied the merchant. "You see, I sell so many of them at these figures." And he passed on to the next prospective buyer.—Harper's Weekly.

NOT MATURED.

"What are you looking so gloomy about?" "Oh, I'm just home from the race track."

"Why, you told me before you went down there that you had picked a sure winner."

"Yes, but—I—er—guess I picked him before he was ripe."

THE JEALOUS WIFE.

"I don't see why she isn't happy with him. He's certainly very attentive to her."

"That's just it. She argues that he couldn't be so attentive to her if he hadn't had a lot of experience with some one else."

PARTRIDGES HATCHED BY BANTAM.

Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of John Smith, a Hartford county (Pa.) farmer, has in her possession a chicken that has become a foster mother for ten young partridges.

Last winter and early in the spring a number of Kansas quail were liberated by sportsmen in the vicinity of Mr. Smith's farm. One night Mr. Smith's cat brought an expectant partridge mother in dead. Mrs. Smith immediately went to the nest, and finding 18 eggs still warm, transferred them to a bantam hen, and in a short while ten hatched out. The little birds are as domestic as ordinary young chickens. When night comes on they hovey under their mother just as naturally as if they were bantams.

STRONG COMBINATION.

A police justice was trying to impress upon a prisoner, who was to testify on his own behalf, the solemn nature of an oath. Assuming his most pompous tone, the magistrate thus addressed him:

"Prisoner at the bar! In taking this solemn oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, take care that you do not allow yourself to be tempted to commit a willful perjury. Remember that the eyes of an all-seeing providence and of the village constable are upon you."

EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT.

"Your English will drive me crazy," roared the city editor. "Listen to what you have written: 'Miss Sissy Sisson, the well known young musical comedy star, had her face slapped last night.'"

"What's wrong with that?" asked the reporter.

"What's wrong with it? Why, when you say she 'had her face slapped' you imply that it was done at her request!"

"Sure, that's what I mean. Her press agent did it!"