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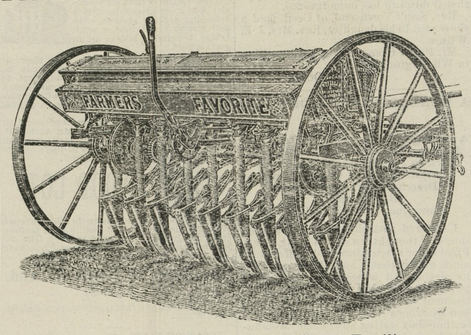

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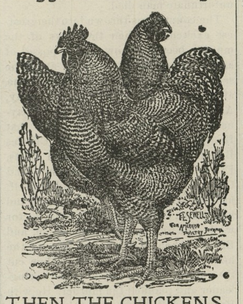
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Some Interesting Stories of the Cranky Nature of the Stuff, Which, a Boss Blaster Says, Is as Contradictory as a Woman.

"A cartridge of dynamite is pretty much like a woman—you can never tell what it is going to do next, because it doesn't know itself," said a boss blaster. "I have seen a powder salesman throw a cartridge of dynamite into the redhot fire box of a 20 horse boiler, and the stuff just burned like lard. Next day I saw a cart boy repeat the experiment with a blacksmith's forge and a pill of dynamite no larger than a pea—and there will be a wholesome fear and soft coal in that boy as long as he lives.

"I have seen a case of 100 sticks of dynamite fall 800 feet down a shaft and never wink, and I've seen an Indian drop a half cartridge from his hand to his boot and not a grease spot did the poor fellow leave behind. At that the poor fellow deserved a better fate, for he made a desperate fight for it before he scattered.

"He was loading a block hole at the time and had just broken a cartridge in half when he dropped one of the pieces. Before it could touch the ground he sort of half caught it, and then began a desperate brief juggling act. Again and again he half caught the deadly thing. Then he missed it. He made one last effort and stuck out his foot to break the fall against the hard ground, but it didn't work. There was a bang, and it was lucky no one stood near him. Which shows that dynamite is like a woman, because in my time I have dropped similarly hundreds of cartridges of dynamite, and still I am here and with a good digestion.

"But it is in winter, when dynamite freezes, that it is most capricious. Then if you want it to go off it simply refuses, or burns with a dull roar, like a boiler blowing off steam. It is in thawing dynamite that most of the accidents happen about which you read. There are two ways of thawing dynamite—one by placing the cartridges on a steam boiler or within safe distance of a fire; the other by immersing them in pails of hot water. As the latter method draws out considerable of the nitroglycerin from the cartridges, and therefore weakens them, it is often discarded in favor of the more risky thawing by an open fire.

"I once saw an experienced powder man thaw a dozen cartridges by an open fire, though, as the sequel will show, he completely lost his head when suddenly confronted with an unusual emergency. He had placed the cartridges within a foot of an open wood fire and had seated himself near by to await developments when one of the cartridges caught fire.

"Had he left it to burn itself out the chances are a thousand to one that nothing very startling would have happened, for it is concussion and not fire that explodes dynamite. Instead, he rushed forward, picked up the burning stick by one end, and holding it upward like a caudle began to blow and blow until he was black in the face. He never let go until the flame began to nip his fingers, and then in his excitement he threw the cartridge to the ground and began to stamp and grind on it with his heels as if he were killing a snake; and, by thunder! he stamped out the burning cartridge and lived to tell about it! The cart boys called him 'Angel' after that, because by rights he ought to be an angel now.

"One day a professor from Stevens Institute of Technology came to the quarry and asked me to perform a certain experiment for him. We printed with dynamite direct from a newspaper on to a block of iron. The professor said the experiment proved most interesting, as he had discovered among other things that dynamite works downward and not upward, like black powder. Our way of proving that in a quarry is to lay a stick of dynamite on top of a bowlder. After the shot the bowlder is smashed to bits.

"But the professor had his own notions. He carried three round blocks of iron six inches in diameter and three inches thick. Then he took a newspaper from his pocket and spread one sheet over the face of the block. I placed half a stick of dynamite on top and covered it with a little heap of sand and touched her off. You would hardly believe the result, but you can see the block on exhibition in a glass case in the Stevens institute library, and you can read on it distinctly—of course, the type appears backward—the printing of that part of the paper which covered the block at the time of the explosion.

"But the professor had another wrinkle up his sleeve. He picked an ordinary oak leaf and spread it over the face of a second block. I prepared a charge similar to the first, and this time the ribs of the leaf and even its outlines appeared distinctly pressed into the iron surface. According to the professor, the action of the dynamite was so quick that the ribs of the leaf had not time to burst apart before they were impressed on the iron. In the case of the newspaper the printed letters were harder than the surrounding white of the paper, therefore the impression.

"The professor's third block is not on exhibition for the reason that we never found a piece of it larger than a clove—and that reminds me, what do you say?" The reporter said "Yes."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

To Get a Vacuum.

Professor Dewar's achievement in liquefying hydrogen has led to the discovery of an easy method for obtaining an almost perfect vacuum, and that in a single minute. When a glass tube, filled with air and closed at one end, has its open end dipped into a cup of liquid hydrogen, the intense cold condenses the air into a kind of snow which settles to the bottom. If, then, the upper part of the tube, from which the solidified air has fallen, is removed by heating and sealing it off, it becomes a vacuum chamber so free from air that it is difficult to force an electric current through it.

Strong Bank Notes.

So firm is the texture of a genuine Bank of England note that burning can hardly destroy it. The authorities have in a little glazed frame the remains of a note which was in the great fire of Chicago. Though completely charred and black, the note is sufficiently legible to establish its genuineness and be cashed.

Eddystone.

The smallest inhabited island in the world is that on which the Eddystone lighthouse stands. At low water it is 30 feet in diameter. At high water the lighthouse, whose diameter at the base is 28¾ feet, completely covers it. It is inhabited by three persons.

The Ink Plant.

The juice of the ink plant, which can be used as ink without any preparation, comes out on the paper at first a red color, but after a few hours it changes to black.

THE BIRD'S PETITION.

Deep in leafy woodland bowers,
Bright with undergrowth of flowers,
O'er the dappled mead and pool
And in tangled lanes most cool,
Pipe the throstle, finch and lark
From the dewy dawn to dark,
And they pipe and never tire
Songs as sweet as love's desire.

Oft to me they seem to sing,
On the branch or on the wing:
"If you leave us space and sky,
Room to nest and sing and fly,
We will pipe for your delight,
Pipe and make the days more bright,
But in narrow cage confined
Song is slain by joy unkind.

"Honor, then, our wide domain,
Break not little hearts with pain;
God who made the merry day
Gave to us our roundelay,
And like honey laden bee,
Or like wild winds made us free,
Leave, then, leave us to our song.
Woods and meads and flowers among."
—Charles Lusted in Gentleman's Magazine.

HENRY RANG OFF.

But When He Got Home That Night There Was Trouble.

Apropos of nothing in particular—unless it be electricity—I heard a druggist tell of a little occurrence in his shop the other day.

He was alone and putting up a prescription behind his large partition screen when a stylishly dressed woman entered and asked with some excitement for the telephone.

He ensconced her in front of it and returned to his work.

She took off her gloves, rang up "central" and began:

"2179 —— street. Yes, yes. Mr. Henry Weeker. Yes, yes. He's at No. —— Beekman street. Yes. Oh, is that Mr. Weeker?"

Then her voice hardened.

"Henry, why did you tell me you went to Philadelphia Thursday? What? No, you did not. I know better. Don't you stand there and lie to me like that! No, I won't! What do I care for the girl in the telephone office! You just attend to me and let her alone! I'm in a drug store. They're not listening at all. I want an explanation. No, indeed, I will not wait till you come home tonight! By that time you'll have hatched up a fine story and brought up a couple of brutes to swear to it. Mrs. Wallace says her husband saw you at the club Thursday night and that you were going out to play poker all night. Oh, no, he isn't! He's a very nice man, and I am much obliged to him. You wouldn't dare do anything of the kind! What? You won't, eh? Well, you'll talk when you get home! Here, wait a moment. Don't shut off"—

But the seance was over, and she paid her 15 cents and stalked out with flashing eyes that boded ill for the lively Henry.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

What Solomon's Temple Cost.

"A Biblical student in this city," says our Washington correspondent, "declares that if the descriptions of Solomon's Temple are accurately given in the Bible and by secular authorities, the total value of that edifice and its contents must have exceeded $50,000,000,000. In the first place, the value of the materials in the rough is estimated at $12,500,000,000, and the labor at $3,000,000,000. According to Villapandis 10,000 men were engaged in dressing cedar lumber, 80,000 were engaged in cutting stone and 60,000 in bearing burdens for a period of seven years, who, in addition to their wages, received 50 cents a day for food. According to the same authority, which is corroborated by Josephus, the vessels of gold were valued at 140,000 talents, which, reduced to American money, is equal to $2,326,481,015. The vessels of silver are calculated at $3,231,715,000, the vestments of the priests and the robes of the singers at $10,050,000, and the value of the trumpets of gold was $1,000,000."—Chicago Record.

Outspeeded the Swallow.

A swallow is considered one of the swiftest of flying birds, and it was thought until a short time ago that no insect could escape it.

A naturalist tells of an exciting chase he saw between a swallow and a dragon fly, which is among the swiftest of insects.

The insect flew with incredible speed and wheeled and dodged with such ease that the swallow, despite its utmost efforts, completely failed to overtake and capture it.

Glove Cutting.

The cutters of the great glove houses at Brussels and in France earn even higher wages than the cutters of the most fashionable tailors in London and New York. So difficult is this art of cutting gloves that most of the principal cutters are known to the trade by name and by fame, and the peculiar knives which they use in the business are so highly prized that they are handed down from generation to generation as heirlooms.

Yachting on Salt.

Save during the rainy season Lake Lefroy, in western Australia, is quite dry. But as the water evaporates as the hot weather approaches a smooth, glassy floor of crystalline salt is deposited. Those living on the shores have found a means of utilizing this. All boats which sail on the lake when possible are, during the rainy season, fitted with four wheels, and thus are enabled to continue their travels. As Lake Lefroy has an area of 100 miles, and the surrounding country is extremely rough, this means a great saving in expense, labor and time. The speed attained by these wheeled yachts is very considerable, though not quite equal to the pace of the ice yachts so popular in Canada.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Senatorial Slander.

Two ladies visiting in Washington during one of the sessions of congress went to the capitol to hear the proceedings in the United States senate. Most of the galleries being filled, they approached the doorkeeper of the senators' gallery, where admission is by card. As they did not possess this passport, the doorkeeper suggested that they procure one from any senator they might be acquainted with.

"But we do not know any senator," they replied.

"Well, it is very much to your credit," said the doorkeeper. "Pass right in, ladies."—San Francisco Argonaut.

High Art.

"Oh, yes, he is a follower of one of the higher arts."

"Well, he doesn't look it. What does he do?"

"He's a professional flagpole painter."

Belgium is the home of the racing pigeon. There the sport is a national pastime, and a good pigeon frequently wins for its owner large sums of money, the prizes being considerable, to which heavy pools are added.

The earliest pottery with printed designs of American subjects was made at Liverpool at the end of the eighteenth century.

The careful reader of a few good newspapers can learn more in a year than most scholars do in their great libraries.—F. B. Sanborn.