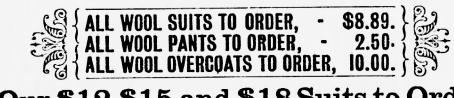
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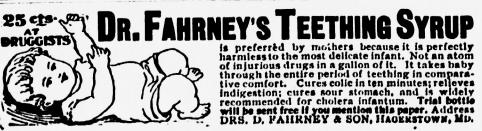
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We cannot go from where we dwell And leave behind no lingering trace.

Where in the past our shadow fell
A shadow of us haunts the place.

Returning now, ourselves may there
Disturb some ghost of what we were.

The stones are thrilled by many a tread
That leaves no footprint where it strays.
Shades of the living and the dead
In silence throng the noisy ways. Here where I meet in shower or shine Your ghost, you haply meet with mine.

The air has sounds we cannot hear, Is dim with shapes that none can see.

Though dear the living voice and dear The sight of living faces be, With kindlier yearnings yet we greet
The friends we see not when we meet.

—A. St. John Adcock in Spectator.

MISSED MONARCHS.

ROYAL RULERS WHO NARROWLY ES-CAPED VIOLENT DEATH.

Louis Philippe Had Lead Pumped at Him For Fourteen Years-The Attempts on Queen Victoria's Life-Emperor William Had Many Close Calls.

The list of missed monarchs is, taking it no further back than the last half dozen decades or so, an interesting subject of consideration. At the head of it we find the most missed monarch of his own or indeed of any age, Louis Philippe. For a matter of 14 years this monarch was constantly having lead pumped at him. His experience began on Nov. 19, 1832. Somebody—it was never properly ascertained who—opened fire upon him on the Pont Neuf. This was but a foretaste. Fieschi followed with his infernal machine July 28, 1835. Nineteen barrels, with four balls in each, arranged to cover a space of 25 feet wide and 10 feet high, accounted for Marshal Mortier, three other military officers and five civilians on the spot. The king rode home without a scratch. Alibaud followed June 25, 1886; Meurnier in December of the same year. Darmes drew his bend in 1840. Leconte had pot shots at his sovereign from behind a wall in 1846, and before that year was out Henri had done his best to "snipe" him from the garden of the Tuileries. And all these operators had provided themselves with at least four shots apiece. All they succeeded in doing to their target was to lodge a bit of wadding in one of his ambrosial whisk-

Meantimo Oxford in 1840, John Francis same year and William Hamilton in 1849 had all scored misses against the sovereign lady of these realms, who was to have yet a further experience at Windsor station in 1882, when Maclean, the homicidal lunatic, made his attempt.

But for what happened at St. Peters-burg at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of March 13, 1881, the second Alexander of Russia might have been as much missed as the citizen king himself. Karakozow had missed him at St. Petersburg in 1866. Berezowski had missed him again in Paris on that historic 6th of June in 1867. Soloveiff failed in 1879. They laid a mine for him just outside Moscow and the imperial luggage train happened to be running first that day. Then they filled a vault below the dining room at the Winter palace. But that February evening it so fell out that the imperial dinner party was a little later than usual. The czar had gone to meet the Prince of Hesse. The mine was fired before the party had entered the room. Before the Borki "accident" the son of Alexander II had had a couple of experiences. One officer all but had him at Gatschina in 1887. Another missed him even more narrowly the next year. Thrice missed was her most Catholic majesty Isabella-by La Riva in 1847, by Merino, the priest, in 1852, though it was only the busk of her corsets that saved her, and by Raymond Fuentes in 1856. Alfonso XII was missed by Moncasi in 1878 and by Francesco Otelo Gonzales subsequently. When the Duc d'Aosta was King Amadeus, a party of five went for him at Madrid in the Calle Arenal, but it was one of the party who was killed. Even

the popular Francis Joseph has been missed twice. Libenyi grazed his majesty's neck with a knife in 1853. Overdank was less successful later. The third Napoleon was very badly missed. Pianori gave him both barrels at the corner of the Rue de Balzac in the last days of May, 1855. Belleemarre's pistol threw too high on Sept. 8, that year, when the emperor was just enter-

ing the Theatre Italien, and Orsini & Co.'s failure on Jan. 14, 1858, just outside the old Opera in the Rue Lepelletier, is the most historic of them all. We had Walewski writing from the Quay d'Orsay to Persigny at Albert Gate to know if we "gave hospitality to assassins." We had Pam's conspiracy to murder bill and its defeat on its second reading and the ministry out and Lord Derby and Diszaeli in, Mr. Gladstone and the other "Peclites" voting with the majority.

The "incidentals of office" had fallen
to King Humbert's lot before Acclarito

met him in the way. Giovanni Passananti had missed him on Nov. 17, 1878. The great and good King William, both as king and as emperor, knew what being missed felt like. Oskar Becker lurked for him in the Lilienthal Allee, Baden, one July morning in 1861 while his majesty was taking his early constitutional. Oskar left his mark, too, on the royal neck. Hodel waited till May 11, 1878, when he scored two misses. In less than two months afterward Nobiling, "doctor of philosophy and scientific agriculture, proved how much better it would have been for him to stick to philosophy and agriculture. He peppered the aged emperor with a shotgun from a second floor window in the Unter den Linden. There were some 30 pellets to be counted about the imperial physiognomy and forearm. The recipient seems to have thought rather uncomfortably about himself. He insisted upon "Unser Fritz" becoming regent. But it proved a miss, after all.

The egregious failure which has added the king of Greece to this company will be fresh in everybody's recollection. For the rest, Milan I of Servia, qualified for a place on the list, it appears, in 1882, and Pedro II of Brazil became entitled to one in 1889. But these are misses which have more immediately concerned the parties themselves than the world at large. Altogether the missed monarch seems to be the rule, which is an assuring consideration for them all.—Pall Mall Gazette.

He Understood the Business. First Beggar-Why didn't you tackle that lady? She might have given you

something. Second Beggar-I let her go because l understand my business better than you do. I never ask a woman for anything when she is alone, but when two women are together you can get money from both, because each one is afraid the other will think her stingy if she refuses. This profession has to be studied, just like any other, if you expect to make it a success." -Pearson's Weekly.

There are supposed to be nearly 50,000 dentists practicing upon people's teeth in the world. A dentist's case of instruments | will not be combined with "the expectant nowadays contains between 800 and 400 attitude of a live deacor, at the other end

STARTLING PILL STATISTICS. The Big Consumption of Medical Pellets

by the English. The British appetite for pills can only be gauged from the revenue receipts relating to the stamp duties paid for patent medicines—which last year in the aggregate amounted to almost £250,000—and by making allowances for the pills dispensed by doctors and chemists, which are not dutiable.

An allowance of a trifle over half an ounce of pills for each inhabitant of the United Kingdom for the year cannot be said to be an extravagant estimate. Indeed such an allowance means but 32 doses a year, or 11/2 pounds of pills to last a life-

Placed in a straight line the pills of a lifetime would extend through some 40 feet, and there would be some 1,920 of them. The latter figure may seem rather large, but if 60 years of pills were com-bined into one sphere it would have a dinmeter of less than four inches and a cir-

cumference of under one foot. It is not until we make calculations regarding the pill as a national delicacy that we arrive at any figures of magnitude, and then we find that something like 1,280,000 pills are swallowed annually. If these British pills were put in a straight line, they would extend from

London to Lucknow. The placing of the pills in a lengthy line of 5,050 miles would afford occupation for a pair of idle hands during 81 years, at the end of which time the owner of the hands would probably find the task of laying down three pills every second during an eight hours' day somewhat monotonous. If, in place of putting them into an extended line, we placed the pills in rows of 1,085 pills, and having arranged the same number of rows as there were pills in a row as a base, we could use the rest of the pills in making 1,085 similar layers, the resultant cube would have each of its dimensions rather more than 221/2 feet.

Having performed this feat, we could proceed to stir up the lot in a gigantic mortar, and having thoroughly mixed the ingredients-and what a mixture it would be-roll the mass into one splendid spherical pill weighing 637 tons, and possessing a diameter of over 28 feet and a circumference of over 88 feet. Five men, 6 feet in height, standing on one another's shoulders-not heads, that would be too painful, especially for the one on the groundwould require the services of a small boy to crown the human Eiffel tower in order to get level with the top of the monster pill.—London Correspondence.

FIRST NIGHT IN A "SLEEPER."

The Green Traveler Got Ready For Bed on the Platform. He wore long white whiskers and a

6 feet 6 inches. His boots were neatly blacked, and he had on a new suit of clothes. It was apparent that he was not at home in his new toggery. He was going to California, he explained, to visit his oldest son, who was a prosperous fruit raiser on the coast. He had engaged a berth in the Pullman, and he asked the conductor where it was.

wide brimmed white felt hat, and he stood

"Right here, sir," said the conductor ns he pointed out the section. "Do you sleep in it that way, all curled up on a seat?" he asked in amazement. "No; it will be made up when you are ready to retire."

The man did not exactly know what 'made up'' meant, but he asked no more questions. He sat in the drawing room and smoked, and finally he said to the conductor:
"Well, guarante I'll turn in."

The man walked into the main part of the car. Then he went back to the drawing room. "They all look alike," he said. "You will have to show me mine." The conductor showed him to his berth and left him. The man looked at it. Then he went back to the rear platform of the car and closed the door. In a few minutes he stuck his head in the car and shouted:

"All right, sir. Your berth is made up."

"Look out, I'm coming," and he made a run for his berth with his clothes, or most of them, under his arm. In the morning he stuck his head out between the curtains and called the conductor. "How in thunder am I going to get out on the platform to dress with all these people looking?" The conductor explained to him that he would have to dress in the berth. He did so, but it took him two hours.—Topeka

Capital.

Japanese Imitation. The Japanese are almost universally condemned by writers for the imitation practiced by them of late years of western literature, art, science and invention, and yet this imitation seems natural and right. Imagine, if possible, the nation of Japan leaping across the civilization of hundreds of years in half a century! Think of her emerging from the darkness of the middle ages and standing suddenly forth in the light of the nineteenth century! Would it not have been worse than madness for her to have said: "This new civilization is better than ours, yet we will not imitate it? We will retain our originality and

perhaps in ages to come we shall reach the enlightened state now enjoyed by the rest | netion at night or at any time when the But fortunately the Japanese did not say this, but gave themselves up to the acquisition of the wonderful stores of

knowledge opened to them.—Lippincott's.

Triple Jointed Names. The Boston Record narrates an incident which occurred when Associate Justice Gray of the United States supremo court was chief justice of the Massachusetts court. One of the savings banks which had suspended was before the court, and the question was in reference to the appointment of a receiver. The gentleman whose name was proposed rejoiced in one of those triple jointed names which were never liked by Judge Gray. In filling out the decree Judge Gray wrote, "Let ---- Smith act as receiver." Then, turning the decree over to the counsel, he said, "You may fill in the rest of the alphabet."

A Self Riser. Husband-Anything you want in town

today, my dear? Shall I order some of that self raising flour? Wife-We have plenty left, but I wish you would stop at a registry office and order me a self rising servant girl.—London Answers.

Quits. "I think," said Mosely, "that you are an infernal fool!" "I never think of you at all!" replied Sockman crushingly.—Philadelphia North

A Model Cookbook.

"What! You have written a new cookbook for your wife? How did you do it?" "Easy enough. I wrote the name of each dish and underneath it the restaurant where it can be had best."—Fliegendo Blatter.

It strikes the New York Observer that the new automatic contribution box may not be the success anticipated because it

MINES IN A HARBOR.

TWO KINDS OBSERVATION AND ELEC-TRO CONTACT, ARE USED.

The Way In Which They Are Planted and Methods by Which They Are Exploded. Uses of the Signal and the Firing Elec-

In fortifying a harbor against attack by n enemy's fleet the British engineers would use today submarine mines of two general classes-the "observation" and the "electro contact." The observation mine, so called because its action is directed by an observer or operator stationed on shore, is a convex ended cylinder of Staf-fordshire plate three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness, measuring 34 inches in depth and about 32 inches in diameter. Within the cylinder and surrounded by an air chamber is a core, composed of 22 separate copper cases, containing in all 500 pounds of wet gun cotton. The central case of the 22 is arranged to receive the "primertin," a little box holding two det-onators, or fuses, imbedded in dry gun cotton, from which electric wires pass to the insulator at the mouth of the mine.

For harbor defense the engineers would lay observation mines in groups of at least six, placed in a mathematically straight line at intervals of 180 feet, and preferably in about 50 feet of water. One main electric cable, starting from the operator's station on shore, would connect with and govern each mine of the six, reaching it by a fork or branch running to its insulator. This main cable would be close to the harbor bed, but the mines themselves, whose buoyancy is considerable, would float 12 feet or more above, each anchored by a stout steel wire mooring rope to a wrought iron sinker of 500 pounds weight, disk shaped, with a concave lower surface to give the additional hold of suction. At about 60 feet from the outer and inner ends of the mine line mark buoys would be set to guide the eye of the shore operator, while various other buoys would be scattered around the field in order to mys-

tify the enemy. For the operator's station the two great requirements are a clear sweep of vision over the minefields and invisibility. A little cave dug in a hillside or embankment and disguised with bushes, vines or whatever is the common foliage of the spot is the ideal arrangement, but if necessity forces the selection of flat and barren his special group of mines and his battery and firing key within easy reach. As the enemy's ship or ships cross his sight line he presses the key, and in an almost incal-A traveler from the short grass country | culably small fraction of a second the our of minor to avulate fatal area of each individual mine of the "observation" type covers a circle 60 feet in diameter. Reckoning with the breadth of beam of the average warship as a factor, it thence appears that the series of six will clear a channel about 720 feet broad of any vessels unfortunate enough to be there. The "electro contact" differs from the observation mine in that it is meant to explode on actual contact with the ship's

bottom, not at some distance beneath. It is used in deeper water than is the other variety and is fitted with a much higher charge, since 75 pounds of gun cotton detonated against the hull of the strongest vessel built is quite sufficient to disable if not to destroy her. This mine, like the species previously described, is contained in a convex ended iron cylinder, its charge, as in the former case, packed in a nest of copper boxes, the central box holding the primer tin with its two detonators and their electro wire connection. One "leg" of the wire necessary to complete the firing circuit runs, however, not directly to its detonator, but to the top of the mine as it lies affoat, there entering an ingenious contrivance called a circuit closer. The mine cannot explode until the circuit closer comes into action, and the circuit closer will act only when struck by the hull of a ship.

Electro contact mines are commonly laid in several connected groups of three. Each individual in each trio has its own electric cable, about 100 yards in length, the three cables converging at their lower ends to enter a "disconnector box." The disconnector in turn sends down a single 200 yard cable to a "multiple junction box," within which it meets similar cables from the disconnectors of all the other trios in the series, and with them is joined to a main cable running to the battery in the operator's station on shore. The operator has it in his power to put the whole series instantly out of play and to return it as instantly to service, and by means of the disconnectors any trio which having been exploded, has become an incumbrance to the rest may be cut out of

the circuit.

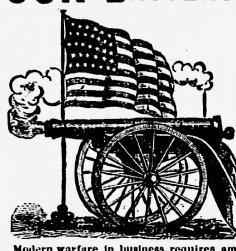
A ground mine, like the observation mine, is laid in relatively shallow watera depth of 50 feet by choice-and has a cable connection with an operator's battery on shore. Attached by cable to the mine and floating above it at such a point as to be likely to be struck by any passing vessel is a buoy containing an electric apparatus with a circuit closer. When the operator turns a strong electric current into the main cable, the touch of a ship's hull on the buoy is sufficient to detonate the mine. This powerful force is put in enemy's ships alone are expected to be in the harbor. On all other occasions the current is maintained at a very low ebb, when a pressure on the buoy would not fire the mine, but would merely telegraph a signal to the shore station, indicating to the observer there which particular buoy had been struck. The change from signal current to firing current may be made in an instant, so that in the event of a harbor engagement between friendly and hostile fleets a home vessel may be allowed to pass unscathed over the mine, while th enemy's ship, touching the buoy immediately afterward, will be wrecked on the spot. The ground mine is not, however, dependent for its explosive power on the collision of a ship with the buoy. The shore operator may explode it at volition whenever, in his opinion, occasion arises but it is always difficult to tell exactly what point on the range line a crossing vessel occupies, and for that reason the mines are laid in groups of three, all three to be fired simultaneously in case of "judg-

ment action." "The great desideratum in efficient mining," says a recent authority, "is not so much perfection in construction as absolute secreey in the plan of laying. * * * If the plan of the mines' position is kept secret, they constitute a far more efficient protection to a harbor than any amount of forts and guns. • • • An opposing fleet might easily bring itself to attack a flotilla of torpedo vessels, but it would flotilla of torpedo vesseis, but hesitate very seriously before risking its hesitate very seriously before risking its minefield."—Catherine vitals over a minefield."—Catherine Prence in New York Post.

Company J.

"Doesn't it strike you as peculiar," said the cheerful idiot, who knows everything, "that in the designation of the 12 com panies composing a regiment the letter 'J' should be omitted. The companies are lettered through 'M' in each regiment, but nowhere can Company J be found." "It does seem strange," replied tho boarding house philosopher. "How do you account for it?"
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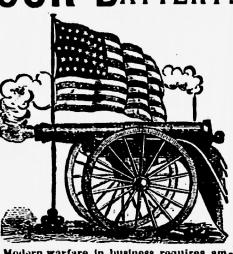
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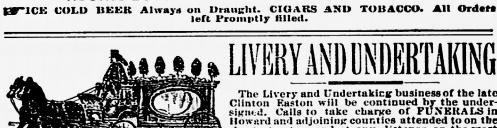
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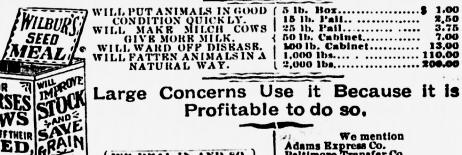
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