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ECONOMY BY CODE.

Mr. Cupple Takes One to Europe With Him and Uses It.

When the passengers on the tender came off at the landing stage, they entered a large, barnlike place and stood in impatient groups while the baggage was transferred. The railway company had several years ago provided for the transfer of baggage to London, and there was another young man who received telegrams and cablesgrams. We had with us an American who had been in London, and with which to keep up a cable communication with his wife. He worked on a cablegram all the way from the Isle of Wight up to the customs house, and when he got back to London he had a message that went back to his family:

Liziam, New York:
Hobgoblin, backwater explosion agriculture early this morning.
He showed this cablegram and seemed to be very proud of it.

"That's what you save by having a code," he explained.

"What will Liziam think when he receives that?"

"He? That's my wife's registered address. 'Liz' for Lizette and 'can' for Campbell. Her maiden name was Lizzie Campbell."

"Well, what does that mean about a backwater hobgoblin having a suspicious explosion?"

"Oh, those words are selected arbitrarily to represent full sentences in the code. When my wife gets that cable, she will have to look into the code book and elaborate the message so that it will read like this:

He showed us the following:
Mrs. Chaucery Cupple, Mountjoy Hotel, New York.
DEAR WIFE—Well, here we are at Southampton after a very pleasant voyage, all things considered. We had only one unpleasant weather, and I was not seasick at any time. We saw a great many porpoises, but no whales. The weather was very pleasant on the run. Formed the acquaintance of several pleasant people.

"Just as good as a letter," said the man from Buffalo.

"Yes, and I saved 58 words," said Cupple. "I wouldn't travel without a code."

"Why don't you take on another word and let her know how many knots we made each day?" asked the Buffalo man, but his sarcasm was wasted.

A month later I met Mr. Cupple in Rome, and he said that his Southampton cablegram had given his wife nervous prostration.

Mr. Cupple is not a careful penman, and the cable operators had to read the word of the message as "anxious." Instead of "suspicious." A reference to the code showed that the mistake changed the sense of the message.

"Suspicious—Formed the acquaintance of several pleasant people."

"Anxious—After a futile effort to work the pumps the captain gave orders to cover the boat with gunnery shells, and a panic, but the captain coolly restrained them and gave orders that the women and children should be sent away first."

The message, as it stood in transmission, caused Mrs. Cupple some uneasiness, and also it puzzled her. It was gratifying to know that her husband had enjoyed the voyage and escaped seasickness, but she did not like her long many knots we made each day."

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The speaker was one of the veterans of the civil war, with as good an army record as any of the brave ones who went from Detroit to serve in that terrible conflict.

"You know," he continued in a philosophical strain, "that some horses and hunting dogs are gun shy and that no amount of discipline can overcome this weakness. I had the same falling. As soon as I was rather conspicuous for physical bravery and a disposition to take my own part. I never turned my back on an enemy till it came to our first battle in the war. I kept in line and felt no special fear while we were advancing, but when the guns began to roar and the bullets to spit I stumbled and struck out for the rear with an unreasoning impulse of a runaway horse."

"Suddenly I was confronted by a young lieutenant who profanely told me what kind of a coward I was, and I was about to dash for the front. That was entirely different and aroused my school-boy courage. I took after the lieutenant, determined to show him plenty of get well whipped in the attempt. While I was making record time and gradually closing up the gap a mile slipped by my head and took Sir Isaac Newton out of my mind. Like a flash, the burning sensation diverted the current of my wrath. I was blood crazy as I rushed into the thick of the fight, and, jabbing and roaring defiance. The boys will tell you that I was there at the finish, and I wasn't over gun shy afterward."—Detroit Free Press.

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To illustrate the kind of lapse of reasoning power from which great inventors are known to suffer, I take two under the influence of which Sir Isaac Newton cut a hole in a wall to let a cat pass through and then a small hole for the kitten, an old story in the life of Morse has been recorded. Long before the invention of the telegraph Morse was known to the officers of the patent office as a persistent applicant for patents. When his great invention of the "distance writing" system was completed, he wanted the Baltimore and Ohio Railway company to try it.

"To get rid of him the president of the road turned him over to a subordinate. This official was the British consul, and the inventor and became so interested in it that he sat up half the night discussing it with the inventor. At length Morse confessed there was only one thing which baffled him. "As long as the railroad runs," he said, "where poles may be erected, it will be easy sailing, but when we come to the mountain the poles will be bent. We can't erect poles across the stream, and without them the wire would sag and perhaps break on its own weight. I cannot get any idea of how to do. Can't you suggest a way out of the difficulty?"

"Why don't you fasten the wire to the bridge?" asked his companion, without a moment's hesitation. "For an instant Morse gazed at him with open mouth and then exclaimed: 'Why not, indeed! Why, I never thought of that. It's the very thing.' The layman's idea was a revelation, and thus Morse came to be strong on bridges when crossing large streams."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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He Got His Fee.

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A QUEER WOMAN.

Professor William M. Woodworth of Harvard came up from Samoa on the Albatross. He accompanied the Agassiz scientific expedition to the south sea islands a year or so ago, and the second visit was made in the interests of the Museum of Comparative Anatomy of Harvard, to investigate the "palolo," a curious marine worm which has long been a scientific mystery.

"The palolo, which is found near the Fiji and Samoan Islands," said Mr. Woodworth, "measures 12 to 14 inches in length and is about the thickness of a wooden yard. On two days in the year the sea is thick with it, like vermicelli soup. The native takes it in breadfruit and esteem it a great delicacy. It looks like spinach and tastes fishy."

"Only twice in the year does the palolo come to the surface—in October and November. It is only seen on the tenth day after the full moon. The natives gather from great distances and make a festival of the occasion. The event is the eating of the palolo, and this, as is known as 'palolo weather,' and October and November are known respectively as the month of the 'little palolo' and the month of the 'big palolo,' because of the great quantity of palolo that appear in the latter month."

"The palolo has never been scientifically classified, though Frickecker was on the right track. It was first mentioned in 1890. It is an annelid marine worm, living on coral reefs. I detached several specimens from the rocks below the surface of the water, and they were found only the tail of the creature. The stock, so to speak, on which the palolo grows is a sea worm resembling those that bore in the piles about San Francisco bay, and the long worms are the young of the breeding seasons."—San Francisco Examiner.

THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA.

He has no heir of his body, for his only son, a man of striking promise, died in 1889, as is believed, by his own hand. He has no wife, for his empress, in early life one of the most beautiful of women, after wandering for years over Europe in a restless effort to shake off the melancholy produced by her son's death, was murdered on Sept. 10 by an assassin of anarchistic opinions. The empress, therefore, broods in melancholy retirement, listening always, one can imagine, to the sounds of another great storm now rolling up against the fortunes of her empire.

The ultimate danger of the house of Hapsburg and perhaps the ultimate secret of its strength, the hatred of race which its subjects bear to the emperor, has been laid out afresh, and we have yet to see whether the emperor can again quiet the rapidly rising waves. If his life is to be thoroughly consistent, he should on some day give up once more the German ground, possibly by a revolt of his German subjects, should then achieve some impossible success, possibly the throne of Constantinople, and then, as a Catholic, glide on to the grave, a mighty monarch of whom history will say that his failures and his successes remain equally inexplicable. He has, in short, no more to do in this world.

His fitting eyeglasses.

"Oh, grandmamma, what big eyes you've got!"

"The better to see you, my dear."

Observant Little Red Riding Hood would see stranger "eyes" than those of her grandmother if she took note of the ill fitting, unbecoming eyeglasses worn by the majority of persons. Men and women with big, broad faces persist in wearing small, round glasses, and becoming frames that look lost in the breadth of their faces; school children with delicate features and tiny noses are obliged to wear great, goggling glasses, better fitted to their eyes than to their faces. People who buy bargain glasses and have their eyes tested at a counter scarcely can expect to secure both a becoming shape for their eyes and a pair of glasses that will protect them from the sun, and a little precaution and the exercise of a very moderate amount of good judgment would prevent many of the incongruous effects which are so commonly seen in the streets.

EFFECTS OF INHALING GAS.

To attempt suicide by the inhaling of illuminating gas is a very dangerous proceeding. It cost a San Francisco plumber her second grandmamma if she took note of the ill fitting, unbecoming eyeglasses worn by the majority of persons. Men and women with big, broad faces persist in wearing small, round glasses, and becoming frames that look lost in the breadth of their faces; school children with delicate features and tiny noses are obliged to wear great, goggling glasses, better fitted to their eyes than to their faces. People who buy bargain glasses and have their eyes tested at a counter scarcely can expect to secure both a becoming shape for their eyes and a pair of glasses that will protect them from the sun, and a little precaution and the exercise of a very moderate amount of good judgment would prevent many of the incongruous effects which are so commonly seen in the streets.

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Every Inch a Queen.

Young Wilhelmina of the Netherlands is every inch a queen, and she is the daughter of a true daughter of her country.

"You think him so very nice, and he's eligible of a certain prince for the place of royal consort, is he not?"

"I once went hunting with him. He didn't seem to care whether he hit the rabbit, the dog or one of his friends."—Washington Star.

His Sacrifice.

Mrs. Tracy—Do you realize, my dear, that you have never done anything to save your fellow men any suffering?

Tracy—Didn't I marry you?—Chicago Journal.