

AN INSTANCE OF NERVE.

The Shrewd Expedient That Once Saved the Life of Prison Warden McLaughrey.

"News of the resignation of Colonel McLaughrey, Warden of Joliet," said Robert C. Wahldorf, a merchant of Chester, Ill., "recalls to my mind an instance in which he showed nerve and presence of mind such as would have been exhibited by few. Some ten years ago I was summoned as a witness in a case of burglary, and the criminal was sentenced to fifteen years in Joliet. McLaughrey was warned that the man was a most desperate character, and told to keep a sharp eye on him. This he did, but as the man's behavior was perfect, the vigilance of the guards was somewhat relaxed, and he was treated like any other prisoner.

"This was what he was waiting for, and one day, when moving from the workshop to the dinner-room, he shifted out of the line and passed through a passage leading to the Warden's office. There was no possibility of his leaving the Penitentiary unobserved, but he determined to get a start if possible by terrorizing the Warden. McLaughrey was sitting at his desk writing when the convict came in. He was a tremendously powerful fellow, weighing fifty pounds more than the Warden, and his physical superior in every way. 'I am going through there,' was his first words, pointing to a window behind the desk, 'and you can't stop me.' McLaughrey looked up with a smile, entirely concealing his astonishment and said: 'Well, go on, I can't stop you and won't try. There's a man outside with a sixteen-shooter who may stop you, but I shan't. What have you got to complain of anyway? Are you not well treated?'

"In this way he got the man into conversation, and after a few minutes said: 'By the way, your friends are getting up a petition for your pardon, which I have got in my desk. I think that it will go through, and that you are very foolish to try to escape now. I will show it to you, and see what you think of it.' Saying this, he opened a drawer and pretended to be rummaging about for some papers, but in reality managed to take out his revolver, and lay it in his lap. 'I must have been mistaken,' he then said, 'there isn't any petition here.' With an oath the man stepped forward, when he saw the cocked pistol in the Warden's lap. He stopped short, looked at him a moment, and then said: 'Well, you've got me.' 'I reckon I have,' the Warden answered, 'and you had better not try any games.' He then gave him a long lecture, expatiating upon the hopelessness of escape, and portrayed the advantages incident to good behavior in glowing terms. He then took the man to the main part of the prison, told the guards to keep a sharp lookout, but inflicted no punishment. From that time on, I was informed, that man was one of the quietest and most industrious workmen in the prison, and was soon made one of the trustiest. Had McLaughrey attempted to summon help, he would in all probability have been killed, but his presence of mind and self-possession got him out of as ugly a scrape as a man was ever in."—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

Origin of the Name of America.

Only a few years ago a vigorous effort was made to pull Columbus from his pedestal as the discoverer of America, which by many was considered rank injustice, as Amerigo Vespucci had already robbed him of the honor of naming the continent.

According to what we have been taught, Amerigo heard of the discoveries of Columbus and determined to secure to himself some of the glory. He made four journeys to the new world, and left behind him many maps and charts. On these he distinguished the new world as America, or Amerigo's Land.

What schoolboy has not felt indignant when he first heard of this injustice to Columbus? But now it appears, from a recent book by a great scholar, that Amerigo was not trying to take undue credit. The country of Venezuela, in which was the first settlement of the Spaniards, was called by the natives *Amaracapaná*—*paná* meaning land—that is, Amerigo's land. Four centuries ago nearly everybody "spelled by ear," as orthography was not fixed, so the transition to America land and finally to America was very easy.—*Golden Days.*

The Meaning Was the Same.

Perhaps there is too much progressive eulchre about. At any rate a small boy in a New England household who has learned to read enough to join in the morning exercises, but sometimes bolts a large word, astonished the family one morning when he came to the passage in the Psalms, "Let not mine enemy's triumph over me," with this rendering, "Let not mine enemies trump over me."—*Harper's Magazine.*

A YOUNG man in Hamilton, Ohio, shot himself because his sweetheart would not give him a kiss. Correct! Any man who isn't big enough to help himself without asking, ought to fill his diminutive soul full of a small arsenal. Ten to one, though, that the "sweetheart" appendage wasn't a Cincinnati poetess.—*St. Louis Magazine.*

A YOUNG man ought not to propose too gracefully. If he does the girl may get the idea that he has had more practice than she deems desirable.—*Somerville Journal.*

REVENGE, that thirsty drop of our souls, makes us covet that which hurts us most.

Glass windows were first introduced into England in the eighth century.

Fifty Years Ago.

Glancing back only half a century affords contrast enough to quite reconcile one to this degenerate age. "M. Quad," in the *Detroit Free Press* moralizes in a very funny way on such a retrospect:

"Half a century—ahew! We'd have waited and been born somewhere along about 1860 if given our choice. Yes, lots and lots of things have happened in the last fifty years. The old wooden cradle in which we were rocked is no more to be seen. Don't you remember how high its sides were, and what a sense of solid security we babies had when deposited therein? The rockers were long and heavy, the floor bare of carpet, and many a time the clikety-click lulled us to sleep. Pride first banished the old wooden cradle to the garret, and filled it with seed-corn or hickory-nuts. This wasn't enough. The old relic was tumbled out of the window to become kindling, and the new baby was rocked in a flim-flam gimcrack made of willow or walnut.

"Remember how they used us as babies and yearlings and two-year-olds? No soothing-syrups in those days, my boy! If catnip tea wasn't good for what ailed us they put on the spanker to effect a cure. We weren't hidden away from measles and chicken-pox and mumps and whooping-cough, to affect us ten times as bad in later years, but the door was flung open and those ailments invited to walk into us and get licked at once and for ever. They didn't sweat and smother us for fear of drafts, and they didn't rush for a doctor if our sneezing machine set itself to going. We crept on bare floors; we ate Johnny-cake and milk; we swallowed thimbles and peach stones and picked up live coals off the hearth. At a later day we stuck slivers in our feet, thistles in our hands and tore our woolen dresses in falling off the rail fences.

"And that first week in school! We knew A B C D and E before we started, and we couldn't imagine why any one should want to know more. Those big Brown boys called us a 'tow-head,' and that Sarah Ann Williams ran over us in the entry, and the Smith boys threatened to lick us on the way home. As if all this wasn't enough to swell our hearts and make us wish that we were dead, the schoolm'am pinched our ear, rapped our knuckles and called out in a voice full of broken glass: 'Didn't I tell you that letter was G, and that G stands for gun? G is up here and Z is way down there.'"

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Where Ignorance Is Not Bliss.

Emily—Oh, Arthur, how cruel! See that poor worm wriggle! Arthur—That's all right. I cut him in two first, so he's perfectly dead, only he hasn't discovered it.—*Harper's Magazine.*

AFTER experiments on the relative merits of castor oil and of olive oil as lubricants, the Italian Admiralty has ordered that the exposed parts of ships' machinery be lubricated exclusively with castor oil, and that mineral oils be used for cylinder and similar lubrications.

"DOCTORING OLD TIME."

A Striking Picture—A Revival of Old-Time Simplicités.

In one of Harper's issues is given a very fine illustration of "Doctoring Old Time." It represents a typical old-timer, with his bellows, blowing the dust from an ancient clock, with its cords and weights carefully secured. One of these clocks in this generation is appreciated only as a rare relic.

The suggestive name, "Doctoring Old Time," brings to our mind another version of the title, used for another purpose—"Old-Time Doctoring."

We learn, through a reliable source, that one of the enterprising proprietary medicine firms of the country has been for years investigating the formulas and medical preparations used in the beginning of this century, and even before, with a view of ascertaining why people in our great-grandfathers' time enjoyed a health and physical vigor so seldom found in the present generation. They now think they have secured the secret or secrets. They find that the prevailing opinion that then existed, that "Nature has a remedy for every existing disorder," was true; and, acting under this belief, our grandparents used the common herbs and plants. Continual trespass upon the forest domain has made these herbs less abundant, and has driven them further from civilization, until they have been discarded as remedial agents, because of the difficulty of obtaining them.

H. H. Warner, proprietor of Warner's safe cure and founder of the Warner observatory, Rochester, N. Y., has been pressing investigations in this direction, into the annals of old family histories, until he has secured some very valuable formulas, from which his firm is now preparing medicines, to be sold by all druggists.

They will, we learn, be known under the general title of "Warner's Log Cabin remedies." Among these medicines will be a "sarsaparilla" for the blood and liver, "Log Cabin hops and buchu remedy" for the stomach, etc., "Log Cabin cough and consumption remedy," "Log Cabin hair tonic," "Log Cabin extract," for internal and external use, and an old valuable discovery for catarrh, called "Log Cabin rose cream." Among the list is also a "Log Cabin plaster" and a "Log Cabin liver pill."

From the number of remedies, it will be seen that they do not propose to cure all diseases with one preparation. It is believed by many that with these remedies a new era is to dawn upon suffering humanity, and that the close of the nineteenth century will see these roots and herbs, as compounded under the title of Warner's Log Cabin remedies, as popular as they were at its beginning. Although they come in the form of proprietary medicines, yet they will be none the less welcome, for suffering humanity has become tired of modern doctoring, and the public has great confidence in any remedies put up by the firm of which H. H. Warner is the head. The people have become suspicious of the effects of doctoring with poisonous drugs. Few realize the injurious effects following the prescriptions of many modern physicians. These effects of poisonous drugs, already prominent, will become more pronounced in coming generations. Therefore we can cordially wish the old-fashioned new remedies the best of success.

The Genius in X 33.

Oh, see the Young Man. He is in the Academy of Music. He is also in luck to-night. He occupies seat X 33. Usually the Gentlemanly Usher accords him the privileges of "standing room only." But is he not Severely Critical? He says—and says it boldly—that the acting makes him Very Tired. The leading man is N. G. The leading lady is A. Reuben. The soubrette is A. Scrapper. The play is Tart. He will Roast the Whole Dizzy Snap in Next Week's Paper. Perhaps that is This Week's Paper which the Young Man draws forth ostentatiously as the act drop falls? You are right, my son. The Young Man is the Buffalo correspondent of the New York Dramatic Grissette and Rialto Belfector, and is otherwise employed at a ribbon counter at \$4 a week.—*Buffalo Express.*

We Live and Learn.

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Proud young father—I thought I heard our angel twitter.

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He—Let the little demon howl.—*Omaha World.*

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