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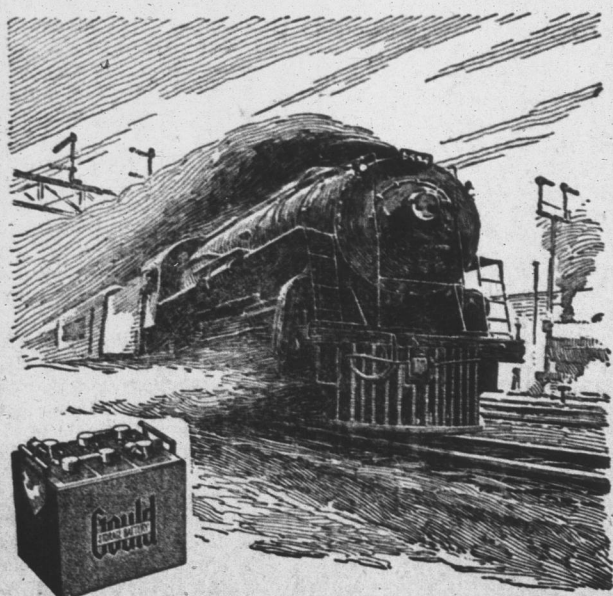
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SOME TALES HARD TO DOWN

Particularly True of the Story of the Grizzly Bear That Climbed Up a Tree.

The hunter who comes home with a tale of how he took refuge from a grizzly in a tree, and how the bear climbed after him, is a nature fakir, pure and simple, as Enos A. Mills reminds hunters in the story of the "Adventures of a Nature Guide." Yet this curious misapprehension of the climbing abilities of the greatest of the Ursidae persists in many quarters and is not always accounted for by mendacity. It seems to be a reasonable explanation that when a grizzly sets out in pursuit of a more or less inexperienced sportsman, the latter is not always in the attitude of a calm investigator. Things are not precisely what they seem when the normal positions of hunter and hunted are reversed.

It is the task of more than one generation to put end to nature faking. Colonel Roosevelt, if he were alive, would take delight in indorsing the works of Mr. Mills, who has recently become famous as a national park guide, who revealed the delightful possibilities of guiding in the wilderness as a profession for ambitious young men. The wilderness, says Mr. Mills, is really the safest place in the world for defenseless human beings. Not even the catamount or puma is dangerous. Colonel Roosevelt had already assured us on this point, but the statement will bear repetition.—Portland Oregonian.

SPIDER'S THREAD HAS VALUE

Practically Indispensable in the Construction of Telescopes for the Astronomer.

The threads of the garden spider are fixed by astronomers in their telescopes for the purpose of giving fine lines to the field of view, by which the relative positions of stars may be accurately measured.

For a century astronomers desired to make use of such lines of the greatest possible fineness, and procured at first silver wire drawn out to the extreme limit of tenacity attainable with that metal. They also tried hairs (1-500th of an inch thick), and threads of the silkworm's cocoon, which are split into two component threads, each only 1-200th of an inch thick. But in 1820 an English instrument-maker named Throughton introduced the spider's line. This can be readily obtained three or four times smaller than the silkworm's thread, and has also advantages in its strength and freedom from twist.

In order to obtain the thread the spider is carefully fixed on a miniature "rack," and the thread, which at the moment of issue from the body is a viscid liquid, is made to adhere to a winder, by turning which the desired length of firm but elastic thread can be procured.

Victory of Courage.

The man or woman who ventures much may fall often, but he will achieve in proportion to those very failures because he will use each one as a stepping stone to higher effort.

But the man or woman who quibbles, reconsiders, hesitates and weighs every gain against a greater loss is a predestined failure, because his very attitude should be avoided.

He who falls with his face forward in the battle is not a failure, but a hero. Failure lies in turning the back on the foe, to retreat before the enemy.

When we speak of success we should not think in terms of money or position or fame, but of moral courage, high endeavor, honorable achievement. And when these are translated into active service the world will become that Utopia of which so much has been written and sung.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Advice to Teachers.

Let your scholar be never afraid to ask you any doubt, but use discreetly the best allurements you can to encourage them to the same; lest his overmuch fearing of you drive him to seek some misorderly shift; as to seek to be helped by some other book, or to be prompted by some other scholar; and so go about to beguile you much, and himself more.

With this good way of understanding the matter, plain construing, diligent parsing, daily translating, cheerful admonishing, and heedful amending of faults, never leaving behind just praise for well doing, I would have the scholar brought up withal, till he had read and translated over the first book of Epistles chosen out by Sturmius, with a good piece of a comedy of Terrence also.—From "The Schoolmaster," by Roger Ascham.

Height of Sea Waves.

The records of average height in feet observed at sea are approximately equal to half the velocity of the wind in statute miles per hour. For those occasions on which the wind has had as full opportunity as it ever enjoys of doing its work, direct proportionality still holds good, but the constant is higher. It has been found that seven-tenths best satisfies the available observations between a strong breeze and a whole gale. The same simple proportion, however, does not hold when dealing with the heights corresponding to the gentlest breezes. The highest waves finally formed are those traveling at a velocity which is equal, within the error of observation, to that of the wind.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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