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The Scientific Crook.

We seem threatened with a new variety of crook—the scientific. According to very circumstantial reports from Washington, the experts of the Treasury Department have been experimenting with a new chemical compound said to rob steel of its temper, and hence making safe-cracking easy. This compound, called thermite, is reputed to possess marvellous virtues. When mixed with magnesium powder it will destroy the hardness of a metal, enabling a burglar to cut through the best steel as if it were lead. A five-eighths-of-an-inch tempered steel plate was so pierced. The newspaper accounts do not fail to say quaky things of how cracksmen have already put these discoveries to practical use. Owners of strong-boxes are advised not to sleep too well o' nights. All this is very interesting if it happens to be true. The profession, it may be observed, has never been slow to make improvements. It was a great day for the grafter fraternity when dynamite came to town. They took up with it at once. Popular fancy endows the knock-out fiend with a large knowledge of chemistry. There is hardly any branch of Deviousness that has not participated in the unparalleled advances of the times. And much may be looked for. Sir James Crichton Browne spoke not long ago, in England, on the improvements of the poisoners' art. He pointed out the immense possibilities that lie in cultures of deadly bacteria, to say nothing of some of the recent chemical preparations. The real art, he contended, is not simply in defying detection, but in not arousing suspicion. All the famous poisoners of the Middle Ages were, in his view, a clumsy lot. It was the same old story always—arsenic, arsenic, arsenic. The tales of the magical potions of those days were fables. The Borgias would gurgle with delight before the resources of the present day. The picture drawn by the eminent English physician was not so very assuring to them as actively cultivate the luxury of enemies, but it is safe to say that whatever be the possibilities, they will never be realized to any extent. The fact is that any man on vengeance bound who started in to perfect himself in this line would get so interested in his experiments that he would forget all about his plot. That is one of the beauties of modern science.

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More Press Problems.

A popular weekly has the temerity to ask, "Are middle-aged husbands the best?" This method of putting husbands on the same level as bric-a-brac, old coins, and such like, may suit some people, but personally I protest. Still the question has been fired at us and I suppose we must reply. This is where the difficulty comes in, for what suits lively Miss A. may not suit sedate Miss B., and while some husbands at middle-age may be slightly the worse for wear and tear. The average middle-aged husband, however, is no amateur, and may be commended on that score. For a husband who may be relied upon to come to tea an octogenarian wants a lot of beating. But most girls prefer the skittish, juvenile article, and will have him at any price, taking all risks. And I don't know that I altogether blame the dear creatures. A new watch is preferable to an old one any day, and a man, like a watch, is known by his good works.—"Pick-Me-Up."

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Where the Money Went. Uncle (to the children, who have just had a dose of cod-liver oil all round): "Well, do you like cod-liver oil?" Children: "Oh, no, but mamma gives us two-pence for every spoonful." Uncle: "And then do you buy something nice?" Children: "No, mamma puts it in the savings bank." Uncle: "And then you buy something by-and-by?" Children: "No, mamma buys more cod-liver oil with it."

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This Rooster Knew a Thing or Two.

A Kansas-duck which had faithfully stuck to business during the summer, and laid several dozen large, fawn colored eggs, complained that she was not appreciated. "See that hen over there?" said she; "she hasn't laid as many eggs as I have, nor as big, but she has books written about her, and verses composed in her honor, while nobody is saying a word about me." "The trouble with you is," said a wise rooster that was standing near, "that you don't tell the public what you have done. You lay an egg and waddle off without saying a word, while that sister of mine never lays one without letting everybody in the neighborhood know it. If you want to cut any ice in this community you must learn to advertise."

Quick and Effective.

Panic-stricken, the stage manager rushes to the chairman of the school entertainment committee.

"The hall is on fire!" he exclaims. "If we tell the audience there will be a riot, and many will be killed in the rush to get out. If we do not tell them, they will all be burned. Oh, what shall we do?"

"Now the chairman is a man of coolness and ingenuity. Stepping quickly before the curtain, he says:

"Ladies and gentleman, we will next be entertained by Miss Winnie Wurdeigh, the well-known elocutionist, who will render 'Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night.'"

As by magic the audience flits from the hall, one by one, until naught but the empty seats is left to satiate the furious appetite of the red demon.—"Judge."

A Troublesome Trio.

From The Chicago News. "The most troublesome member of my flock," said the parson, "is a young woman who wants a husband." "My most troublesome client," said the lawyer, "is a middle-aged woman who wants a divorce." "The most troublesome patient I have," said the physician, "is a spinster of uncertain age who doesn't know what she wants."

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Heard in Battle.

Deeds of valour and self-sacrifice in face of the enemy are not always accompanied by rhetorical fireworks. During the Zulu War, after an engagement in which the British troops were defeated by Cetewayo's black warriors and were compelled to fly for their lives, an English cavalryman, whose scraggy little pony limped from an assegai slash, detached himself from the retreat and galloped back upon the charging Zulus.

A glance over his shoulder had shown him a dismounted comrade, stumbling painfully along trying to jam some cartridges into his clogged revolver. When the trooper's pony trotted up the Zulus were almost upon the two soldiers. Fortunately, however, they had discarded their spears and were mishandling captured carbines.

Now, in a melodrama or in a realistic novel, the language of these two gallant soldiers, one to the other, would have been noble, lofty, and inspiring. This is what they really said:—

"Get out of this, Bill, ye bloomin' ijit—the black beggers will skewer ye," gasped the wounded man.

"You climb up on this 'orse or I'll punch yer 'ead off!" was the reply of the other.

And it is delightful to be able to say that he did climb up, and they both escaped from the "black beggers," and that the trooper got the Victoria Cross.

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Humorous Aspect of Roquefort Cheese.

Roquefort cheese is made in France from the milk of a certain breed of sheep which are bred on wild thyme and the cheese has a wild time trying to keep from stinking itself to death in infancy. This wild thyme grows on the banks of the Lot, Tarn and other rivers in the department of Aveyros in France, and after it has first been besheeped and then besheeped it generates a lot of the tarndest smells that ever perambulated down the pike.

Thyme is a kind of an aromatic plant with a pungent odor, and after it is converted into Roquefort cheese it is the pungentest thing known to man. After this cheese is made it is put in solitary confinement until its whiskers begin to turn gray and gangrene sets in, when it is taken out and chained to a post. Before it is served it is chloroformed or knocked on the head with an axe. It is then brought to the table in little square sections about the size of a domino. It is served at the close of meals together with black coffee. It usually has a running mate in the shape of a round cracker that has to be broken with a maul.

Roquefort cheese is of a dull white color, except in spots where mortification has set in. Some claim it is inhabited, but it is not true. Even the intrepid and mephitic microbe flees from it as we flee from a pestilence. We have seen Limburger cheese strong enough to shoulder a two-bushel sack of wheat, but a piece of Roquefort the size of a dice can carry an election. Limburger is a rose geranium when compared with Roquefort. There is as much difference between them as there is between the purr of a kitten and the roar of a lion. Some people who claim to be civilized say they like Roquefort cheese, but they only eat it because it is imported and expensive. A man who will eat it is an open sepulcher and should be quarantined or driven into the wilderness and never again allowed to look into the face of a human being.—Am. Cheesemaker.

Loss of Flesh.

If you find yourself falling below normal weight there is danger. The use of fish oils can temporarily add fat, but will never build up healthy tissues. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food acts through the blood and nervous system and carries new life and energy to every nook and corner of the body. It regulates the various organs of the body, makes the appetite good, adds healthy flesh, and replaces the tissues wasted by disease. Naturally and gradually this food cure restores color to the cheeks, increases the weight of the body and thoroughly overcomes disease.

Judge Pennypacker of Philadelphia tells a story which shows the readiness of the Pennsylvania Dutchman to obey those in authority: In 1864 Sheridan, under orders, burned every barn from a valley above Staunton to a certain point below Winchester. A band of angry rebels followed this raid, watching for a chance to pick up any stragglers. Among others who fell into their hands was a little Pennsylvania Dutchman, who quietly turned to his captors and enquired: "Vat you fellers going to do mit me?" The reply came short and sharp: "Hang you." "Vell," he said, meekly, "vatever is de rule." His good-natured reply threw the Confederates into a roar of laughter and saved his life.

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