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#### Tricks of the Modern Safe-Breaker.

Between the safe-maker and the safebreaker there is a constant struggle for ago a gang of burglars entered some premises supremacy, just as there is between the designers of modern cannon and projectiles and the ship's armor they are intended to pierce; and the rivalry is so close that it is difficult | wagon, and calmly drove off with it. to award the palm to either.

There is no more daring and skilful man in the ranks of criminals, said a well-known detective to the writer, than the breaker of safes, as you will admit when I tell you some of his feats which have come under my own booty. observation.

A few years ago a safe was robbed under conditions which one would think would have made the feat at least as impossible as that of running off with the crown jewels. The safe, which belonged to a large firm of contractors, was so placed that it was in full view of the policeman every time he passed ishments. With us, violence practiced as a the premises on his beat. On one night every week this safe contained several thousands of dollars, the wages of the workmen been-and, thank God ! always will be-imto be paid on the following day; and it was on one of these nights that it was stripped of everything.

At least thirty times during the night the policeman had peered into the lighted room, in which it was a conspicuous object, and seen that it was "all right," and yet, impossible as it may seem, when the office was opened up the morning it had completely pany or squad, a mutiny would forthwith vanishe

The explanation of this mystery is really very simple. The burgiars, before entering the premises, had provided themselves with a duplicate of of the safe-a flimsy structure of laths and canvas, painted to resemble the original-and while the officer was at a distant part of his beat had quickly removed the real safe and substituted its counterfeit. The safe was then taken to a back room and rifled at leisure, while the officer, deceived by [ dignity dwells in the hearts of the most the dummy, had not suspected that anything was wrong.

There is practically no limit to the patience and skill of the modern burglar, as was proved by the robbery of a safe some years ago in the city. The safe belonged to a well known firm of jewelers, and for additional security was placed in a room the walls of which were lined with sheet iron. One

Fortunately a policeman had noticed the cart and had made a note of the name and address on it, with the result that the burglars were run to earth before they had time to break open the safe and appropriate the

#### "GAYETIES OF THE SABRE."

Shocking Cruelty in the German Army. Yes, we speak of the gayeties of the sabre In the French army brutality is the exception-the amazing exception, which calls out immediate protests, inquiries and punish. matter of principle, insults reduced to a system, and blows struck as lessons have always possible. It is not merely the law which prevents, but also the national character. None of our troopers would suffer to be treated, whether by a great chieftain or petty officer, with the brutal insolence in vegue among our neighbors. If one of our sergeants or corporals so far forgot himself as to assault a recruit, or to terrorize his comresult, and public opinion, getting the facts in advance of the government and the courts, would make a fine uproar. Under our flag a man is never beaten without subsequent complaint and without the scandal's being thoroughly aired, and if a court-martial had to past judgment on such a case, the guilty party would be severely punished. France has other qualities, which one may perhaps call in question, but the continient of human humble of our children, and this the whole world knows.

Certainly there is something rotten in the German army. Of this we find proof in the startling books published in Germany itself during the last few months-A Little Garrison, by Lieutenant Bilse, and Jena or Sedan, by Herr Beyerlein-which have had a great popularity among the enlightened German Saturday afternoon a gang of burglars man. public, they have given literary expression to

light of carrying off of a safe bodily to rifle at fell exhausted he threw himself upon him, his pleasure. One night about eight years shouting: 'Jump up or you die,' and struck him in the face with his fist, cutting his upper and calmly proceeded to carry out a safe lip and breaking one of his teeth. He then weighing nearly half a ton. They dragged it intentionally tramped on the injured foot so down to the street, placed it on a waiting that Koehner had to take to his bed and stay in the hospital six weeks."

In August, 1903, another subaltern, by the name of Dunkel, was sentenced, for having struck 166 of his soldiers and for having compelled his entire-squad to make a forced march with gravel in their boots. He also amused himself by ordering them to beat their heads against a stone, and when they lacked the courage to do it, Dunkel helped them a little, so that one of them the simpleminded soldier Kruse exasperated by this torture, committed suicide.

In November, 1903, an officer at the barracks of the Melas Lanciers was sentenced to eight months in prison for having tortured thirty of his horsemen with lance thrusts. Several of those thirty had arms or legs broken.

In October, 1903, the chief sergeant of the Nassau Regiment, the petty officers and the hospital nurses flogged and kicked a poor devil by the name of Beyer, who was at last taken to the hospital. The facts were these: The old soldiers of his company had made a butt of him. They had compelled him to lick the pavement of the barracks court, carefully picking out the dirtiest places, and when at last he refused, because he was tired out, they struck him. In the hospital, when the truth came out, the nurses amused them. selves by burning his eyes with a magnifying glass, and when he was blind they took pleasure in whipping him. The surgeon found this a charming game, and one day, after a good luncheon, he came to take part in it, but death came sooner. The relatives of the unhappy soldier had the "consolation" of seeing him die. His eyesight had been destroyed. His ears were covered with blood, and one of his arms was broken. The court.

mattial reprimanded the chief surgeon and ordered him jailed, and sent several subalterns to prison.

clad. One of them says: 'Tight shoes on Only the other day the subaltern Francky appeared before the Rensbourg court-martial any one's feet will arrest the circulation, and to answer to 1,620 separate accusations of while, of course, the foot might not freeze, it brutality towards his men. Besides, he had has no chance to get warm, and thus invites robbed some of them. He got five years in the cold with a good possibility of pneumonia prison, and on the same day the military court stepping in to charge up more trouble to the of the empire confirmed the sentence former- tight gloves on the hands, and a tight collar ly pronounced against Sergeant Braidenhach is apt to cause a cold in the head by interferof the Fourth infantry Regiment of the ing with the veins in the discharge of their Imperial Guard, for having struck 1,207 duties. Shoes and gloves that fit snugly ought to be worn in the winter, but those members of this select troop during the last that are tight are absolutely dangerous, ex few years. I think that after this far from complete tremely so, because the general public knows list--for we only hear of the most important so little about it.

#### Parish of Woodstock Sunday School Convention.

The Parish of Woodstock Sunday School Association will meet in semi-annual session in the Baptist church at Benton on Tuesday. February 23rd. There will be three sesions and the programme will be as follows:-

#### MORNING SESSION.

- 10.30-Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. C N. Barton.
- 11.00-Minutes of Previous Convention.
- 11.10-Paper: Subject, "Temperance," by Harleigh Dow, followed by discussion.
- 11.35-Address: Subject, "Home Department," by .....
- 11.55—Offerings, Announcements, Closing.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2.30-Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. C. Flemington.
- 3.00--Minutes of Morning Session.
- 3.05-Address: Subject, "The Gospel and the Gospels," by Rev. Geo. A. Ross.
- 3.30-Teacher Training Lesson, by Rev. W. H. Fowler.
- 3.45-The Lesson for Sunday, Feb. 28th, taught by Mrs. Edward Lundon.
- 4.00-Offerings, Announcements, Closing. EVENING SESSION.

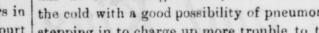
#### 7.00-Song Service.

- 7.15-Devotional Exercises, led by Mr. Frank Mills.
- 7.45-Minutes of Afternoon Session. 7.50-Paper: Subject, "Necessity and
- Benefits of Conventions," by Mrs. Ed. Lundon, followed by discussion. 8.30-Address: Subject, "Soul-Winning,"
- by Rev. F. A. Currier, M. A.
- 8.45-Brief words from the open Convention: Subject, "What I Resolve to Do, God Helping Me, in my School, Class and Locality, in 1904.

# 9.00-Offerings and Closing.

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aged to secrete themselves in an upper room of the adjacent premises, which were occupied by a tailor. When the building was deserted they set to work by making a hole through the floor of this room through which they lowered themselves into the tailor's shop, which was adjacent to the safe room.

Here they tried to pierce the wall which separated them from their booty, but the casing proved impregnable. Nothing daunted, they cut a hole through the floor of the tailor's shop and then found themselves in a basement which ran under the jewelers' premises. Here they attacked the floor of of discipline, was suddenly seized by fiends the safe room which was just over their heads, and then, after many hours of hard labor, they found themselves in the presence of the coveted safe.

This they opened by means of wedges, screw jacks and levers, tearing the casing open and laying bare the rich contents of gold and jewels. These were lowered into the basement, and, laden with their spoil valued at \$30,000, the gang eventually escaped through a side door. In this case, as in the former one, the safe, by means of an arrangement of mirrors, was visible to the officer on his beat, who declared that he "had seen nothing," which undoubtedly was true, for the burglars had been warned of his approach by confederates from a room which young recruits. "Eyes front, you donkeythey had taken on the opposite side of the heads, or I'll kick your insides out," was road, and, naturally, work was suspended until the coast was clear.

No! the burglar makes very little use of skeleton keys for the reason that, with the modern complicated and ingenious system of locks, they are useless. His favorite method is the seemingly clumsy one of tearing open the sides! "the safe. This he does by boring holes in the metal by means of a drill, and then when he makes a hole large enough he inserts a lever and wrenches the casing open by brute strength.

the casing is thick, he will try to blow the a maniac possessed of the devil says the lock off by means of some powerful explosive Frankfort Gazette: "Every day Kisch struck such as nitro-glycerine; although the effect of this is often to twist and jam the bolts and make the lock more impregnable than ever. A more er pessful plan is to force nitro-glycerine in he lock, to plaster the safe with the explosive, and then, after enveloping the down on the ground and stuffed their mouths safe in felt, to blow it up by means of electricity or a slow fuse. The felt deadens the sound of the explosion and prevents the shat- brushes soaked with brine until the blood tered fragments from flying, while of course, it leaves the contents of the safe at the whom he had a special grudge, had an inburglars' mercy.

But the daring of the safe blower is even and down stairs, shouting at him: 'Up!

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the abuses in the barracks, and the villanies of the parade and drill which fearless publicists had denounced before them, and which the imperial government, unable longer to ignore officially, has been obliged to check, though timidly as yet, by numerous penalties meted out against such brutes in uniform. So we have witnessed a succession of trials which could not have been paralleled any. where else on earth.

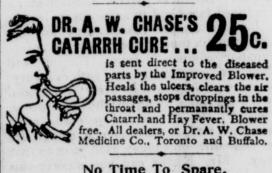
In March, 1903, at Potsdam-I shall speak only of the present year-a soldier, twenty years old, who had committeed a slight breach in galloons, bound to a table and flogged until the blood flowed. When he was released he had to be taken to the hospital, and as soon as he came out he hanged himself. In April, 1903, a subaltern named Huessner, enraged because a drunken soldier had failed to salute him in the street, assaulted the unlucky fellow, and with two strokes of his sword broke his skull, thrust him through the chest and left him dead on the spot. When brought to court for this murder, Huessner told the judge that the honor of a German officer required him never to draw his sword without shedding blood, and to draw it whenever he was disobeyed. This scoundrel who was accustomed to shout at his deeply surprised when sentenced to several months in prison, and his comrades interceded for him with all their hearts.

In May, 1903, the subaltern Warneck was sentenced to two years and a half of forced labor. He had killed no one, poor fellow. He had contented himself with spitting in the faces of 166 recruits, and with striking some of them with his stick.

In the same month Sergeant Kisch was sentenced to eighteen months in prison for having tortured young soldiers, whom he had If this method fails, as it will do whenever to drill, by a process only to be equalled by the recruits, beat their backs, pummelled their faces, chased them under beds day and night, often fifty or 100 times in an evening, until they were completely exhausted. During the gymnastic exercises he made his men lie with tan bark. He often forced them to undress and to rub one another with coarse ran. One of these men, Koehner, against flamed foot. Kisch compelled him to run up

more remarkable than his skill; and he makes Down! Up! Down!' And when Kochner and mouth disease again.'

cases-few Frenchmen will hesitate to draw a comparison between what goes on among us and what happens elsewhere. Here every effort of the government and of the officers and of private citizens tends to make the army, in which all must serve a school of citizenship and of patriotism. In Germany, under the imperial rod, the soldiers are managed by beating and flogging. Human dignity is not respected, and the trooper is treated like a beast, until the army becomes a prison. The "Gayeties of the Sabre" are no longer seen in France; we must look elsewhere to find them .- Charles Laurent, in Le Martin.



#### No Time To Spare.

The mean man whose birthday gift to his son consisted in washing the windows so the boy could look out and see the cars go by, belonged to the same family as the man to whom the Washington Post introduces its readers. He was proprietor of a country hotel.

The rules of the hotel kept everything under lock and key, and there was no chance for the casual loafer to get newspapers, pen, ink, soap or anything else free. There were not even free seats in the office.

One day the proprietor saw a chronic loafer looking at the old timepiece which hung on the wall. The next day a large sign hung over the face of the clock. It read: "This clock is for the use of guests of the hotel only."

Haskell: "What's Bobby crying for?" Mrs Haskell: "Oh! the poor boy caught is finger in the partry door. Haskell: "H'm! He evidently didn't get the jam he was looking for that time.

An old gentleman, whilst suffering from gout usen to make use of most violent language. His son, on one occasion, in writing to a friend, remarked: "You will be sorry to hear that the governor is down with the foot

A Sporting Parson's Wit. An Enlish sporting parson was seated on

afflicted with a single grey hair, his whiskers were already quite grizzled, tho his head had

"Don't you know the reason, you idiot?" said the parson. "You use your jaws so much and your brains so little.

Consumption of earth as food is said to be common not only in China, New Caledonia and New Guinea, but in the Malay Archipelago as well. The testimony of many travelers in the Orient is that the yellow races are Connell Street, especially addicted to the practice. In Java and Sumatra the clay used undergoes a preliminary preparation for consumption, mixed with water, reduced to a paste and the sand and other hard substances removed. The clay is then formed into small cakes or tablets about as thick as a lead pencil and baked in an iron saucepan. When the tablet emerges from this process it resembles a piece of dried pork. The Japanese frequently eat small figures roughly modeled from clay, which resemble the animals turned out in pastry shops.

Complaints are made in German cities that American competition is paralyzing some of the home industries, notably those of sewing machines, cash registers, type-writers, and photographers' articles.

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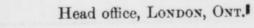
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his cob chatting with a group of parishioners. One of them, a singularity conceited and at the same empty-headed individual, began to lament that while no one around him was curiously not changed color.



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