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OUT OF THE CLOUDS.

caused by the admixture of sand descend upon the wings of the storm. which had been blown from the des- One theory is that all these foreign ert of Sahara hundreds of miles substances are carried up into the away across the Mediterranean, and clouds by whirlwinds, and another the red rain was not a deluge of that the least bulky of them, such was due to the presence of quantities in the process of evaporation. of minute infusora, which somehow

had been drawn up into the heavens and let down again when the clouds

A singular phenomenon of this sort occurred in Venezuela some time ago the latest improvement in the horwhen colored hailstones fell in the ologe, which has been perfected by State of Zamora. There was first a Swiss watchmaker named David a heavy thunder storm, with much Perret, of Marin, near Neuchatel. He rain, and then, after a while, the has invented a watch which goes hail came down in such abundance by electricity. Its special feature is that hundreds of bushels of hail- its accuracy. It was severely tested stones might have been gathered. by experts, and it was found that Some of the hailstones weighed as it gained only seven-tenths of a secmuch as two ounces. It is well ond in five weeks. The watch reknown that in the tropics hailstorms sembles an ordinary gentleman's levare exceedingly rare in places situat- er, costs £12, and goes for fifteen ed in the low lands. But this hail- years without being re-wound. storm was particularly remarkable on account of the color of the hailstones, some of which were whitish, solicitor for nigh twenty years. while others were blue, green, rose Mrs. Farmyard-"A solicitor?" color or red.

blood, as the peasants thought, but as minute infusora, are caught up

A time and labor-saving device is

Tramp-"Yes, madam, I've been a Tramp-"Yes'm. I solicits pread an' Schwedoff, who, in his memoir on meat."

Circumstances Under Which They Were Fired.

It is always difficult to find out lamitous responsibility that would stood still when the news went forth who fired the first shot in a war. haunt a man's conscience, and per- of the projected alliance between Either a war begins in a scrimmage, haps blight his life forever after- young Frank Varley and Mary in which several persons are engag- ward, and he waived away the prof- Markham. I confess, even to me, ed at the same time, or, if the hon- fered honor. The man who fired the philosophic though I am by nature, or or the calamity belong to one man, first shot was bound to become the announcement came as someseveral claimants are always found known to the whole American what of a shock. for the place, says the London M. A. world, and was thereby a target of Frank was such a tremendous fav-

Moldavia and Wallachia by a Russian and an accursed one. How it endlomatic rupture occurred between believe his death was tragic. Russia, France and England; and many shots were fired before the Russians faced their real antagonists. But the first shot fired between English and Russians was in June, 1854, when a Capt. Butler, of the English army, who was temporarlly attached to the Turkish army, was reconnoitering on the defences of Silistria, which was besieged by the Russians. His voice was heard outside the works by a Russian sharpshooter, who fired into an embrasure, killing Butler.

banks of the Danube, and although Hobart Pasha, in his yacht the wife of his own choosing. the British army had not arrived, Rethymo, ran the gauntlet from here for the first time the Russians Rustchuk on the Danube, past the Frank, the elegant, the fastidious faced Englishmen, for the Turks were Russian guns at Galatz, under the and refined, with his artistic tempercommanded by Gen. Cannon - a cover of night. The Russian gun- ament and passion for the beautiful, general officer of the Sepoy army ners detected the yacht, but the to choose as wife such a hopeless (serving temporarily as a pasha). A Pasha kept well in under the shore woman as Mary Markham! Capt. Bent, leading 300 riflemen, so that the gunners were unable to The loud and desparaging descripfrom their tents and across the Dan- to take accurate aim, and, after the who had dared to rob society of its ube. And so Capt. Bent would Rethymo had passed, the pasha sent favorite, made me quite anxious to probably have as much claim as any- a shell into the Russian camp. At meet the original. And I confess one to have fired the first shot in the the same time there were "affairs of that when I did, shortly after the Crimean war proper-that is, exclu- outposts" in one or two spots where marriage, my first impression sive of the earlier Moldavian fights. the Russians and Turks faced each that the accounts had been surpris-

THE INDIAN MUTINY. troopers of the Third Regiment of to identify the first shot. native cavalry stationed at Meerut, and commanded by Col. Carmichael popular officer. Smyth ordered a May 7, 1866, the starting of this ure, which she dressed atrociously,

comrades had to stand by and see Unter den Linden might be called drew up beside me. ing hot day. Rumors were about that mischief was brewing, but the Europeans took no precautions. The chaplain's children's ayah besought

her mistress to fly, but her warnings were disregarded. At evening church time trouble was reported in the Sepoy lines and Col. Finnis, commanding the Eleventh Regiment rode down to the Sepoy camp. He was a popular, warm-hearted man, and much liked by Sepoys. Strong in his belief in them, he rode fearlessly straight in among them. was actually remonstrating with them when a young soldier of the Twentieth Regiment discharged his musket at the colonel, but only wounded his horse. Again he fired, the bullet hitting the colonel in the back, killing him instantly. In a moment the dead body was riddled the battle of Meluna of the big Turkwith bullets. The young trooper of ish gun when "Mehemet All Effendi, the Twentieth had commenced the

great mutiny! THE CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA. I know not the man who fired the first shot in the civil war in America, but who might have been that man and very nearly was. Roger Pryor in recent years has been a dweller in New York, and for a time occupied a position on the judicial bench. In his hot youth, however, he was one of the young bloods of the Virginia whose fervor helped to fan command of the battery," sights and I leant back and gasped. dence he was one of the party that away, while "Edhem Pasha sat "Did I?" - innocently, demanded the surrender of Fort squatting crosslegged on the ground well - but I did not know her Sumter. With breathless interest I watching the practice." But two well then!" the story of the eventful day when most continual skirmishing in the still in that unenviable state of ig-

And so it was that this interview, fateful with some awful consequences The last story on my list is of ness on both sides. The garrison re- was the commander-in-chief of the ble spirit; drinks even were exchang- of Mr. Krueger and of the war. Neved. But both sides took up their ertheless, he went in with his coun-

American quality. given that the fortress was to be was fired. The scouts brought the cusingly, "she was never intended attacked, and that the first shot in information that the English troops for a society butterfly. Nothing the origin of hailstorms, describes a the fight was to be fired. Lightly, were in possession of the town, and would tempt her from her seclusion, fall of similarly colored hailstones I dare say, these wild young fellows it was resolved that they should, if I am convinced, so it would be no Mud, Brown Snow, and Colored which fell at Minsk, in Prussia, in thought of what they were about to possible, be dislodged.

attention, attack, pity. It weighed orite with everybody, who had welupon and overwhelmed him, and I be-comed him as their pet and darling The war between Russia and the lieve he felt for a rong time like a ever since, a mere sunny-faced stripallies began with the invasion of marked and doomed man; an outcast ling, he made his bow to society. army, many months before the dip- ed with him I do not recall, but I to be a second Paderewski, and every FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

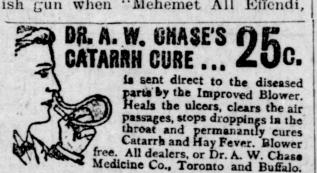
The first shot in the Franco-Prussian war was fired by a French soldier who was on guard at Strasburg bridge, and blazed away across the bridge at a party of Germans. The incident occurred early in August, 1870, a day or two before the Emperor Napoleon III. formally took

TURCO-RUSSIAN WAR. The bombardment of Poti, in able attribute of his genius. other on the Roumanian frontier. ingly unexaggerated.

AUSTRO-PRUSSIAN WAR. and for troops to receive the hated the struggle his whole career denew ammunition. Eighty-five troop- pended on the issue, and it was attractions she could boast of ers failed to appear. A court-mar- while he was still undecided, and tial was held, and all the eighty- was walking down the Unter den five, with the exception of eleven Linden, that Karl Blind's son fired puzzle to everyone. youngsters (let off on account of a revolver at him. Bismarck used their youth) were sentenced to ten the attempt and the wave of public viously content with his prize. enthusiasm for him at Berlin to On May 9 the sentence was exe- break down such governmental opcuted on the parade ground, the re- position as was being offered to his gimental armorers and smiths shack- policy, and, from a dramatic point on the new Mrs. Varley. ling leg-irons on the men, while their of view, that revolver shot in the

the "first shot" in the seven days' May 10 was Sunday, and a blaz- campaign which ended in Sadowa. SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR. Capt. Sigsbee, United States Navy, of the Maine, in his history of the blowing up of that vessel, on February 15, 1898, at 9:40 p. m., says: "Although the war which followed was not founded on the destruction of the Maine as a political cause, that disaster was the pivotal and ended Spanish possession in the New World." The explosion of the torpedo, or whatever the destructive agent was, could scarcely be called a "first shot," but probably most Americans consider the incident the

> first blow struck in the war. GRECO-TURKISH WAR Stevens in "With the Conquering Turk" describes the "first shot" at



tall, black-browed officer he and his friends paid a visit to woods of Karya, even before the offi- norance, and contented myself with Fort Sumter with the demand that cial notification of declaration of my former question.

IN OUR OWN DAYS. -to end in the destruction of a mil- our own time. Everybody knows and his troops were before Dundee: And then the confederates went and then it was that what was

the month of June, thinks that the do; for if the men of the south had "All right," said Joubert, "bring New York's recent shower of mud- colors are due to the presence of not been reckless dare-devils they up the Staats Artillerie." The Certainly Frank was a husband of dy rain is one of those phenomena nickel and salts of cobalt, and that would never have provoked this Staats Artillerie came up. "Fire," whom any young wife might justly which, though not common, occur the phenomenon confirms his hypo- struggle-the end of which was as said Joubert. The shot was fired; be proud. And, strange to say, it at long intervals in all parts of the thesis of the cosmic origin of hail. certain as anything could have been and then, as the smoke died away, seemed to be his marriage that one of those acts of heavy and ca- tening his end.

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his name in the mouth of all Lon-Metaphorically speaking, the world

From the first they decided he was musical composition he sent forth was as extravagantly admired and extolled as if he had in very truth

borne that magic name. Frank himself-handsome, gay, debonair-cordially appreciated easily-gained laurels; and if it slightly turned his youthful head, yet his conceit was so frank and so outspoken that to his women friends at least it was rather a naive attraction than failing; while the men accepted it tolerantly, as a pardon-

Trans-Caucasia, on April 22, 1877, Somehow no one had ever enter-On the 7th of July, 1854, took was the occasion of the first shots tained the idea of his marrying sudplace the battle of Guirgevo, on the fired in this war. At the same time denly, more especially an unknown

charged the Russians, driving them depress the gun muzzles sufficiently tions of the timorous young woman

Early in May, 1857, the episode of Thus was war beginning in several | She was almost painfully shy and "the greased cartridges" led up to localities at the same time, and retiring—worst possible accountre-

some insubordination among the nothing is recorded which would help ments for society encounters, causing her instantly and scornfully to be stigmatized as awkward, dull, and Most biographies of Bismarck empty of ideas. Then she was quite Smyth, who was a severe and un- make the attempt on his life, on plain, possessed rather a squat figparade for purposes of reprimand, war. Bismarck knew if he forced on and had not the slightest idea of

> Frank, himself, however, was ob-I chanced to meet Mrs. Kingston ghost.

on her way back from her first call "Well?" I queried, as the landau Mrs. Kingston looked at me for

some moments with an air of reflection before replying. Then: "I neving," she proclaimed judicially. Whereat I knew that Mrs. Kingston

Not long afterwards we had ranged some expedition together. On her way Mrs. Kingston intended payevent of the conflict which led to it, ing a second call on the musician's wife. The landau was to come her call at precisely four o'clock. I was unavoidably delayed, however, and it was nearer the halfhour when, not without great inward trepidation, I drew up outside the Varley establishment. It had been previously arranged that on no account was I to lose time by de-

scending and going in. She was to come out immediately. On my way thither fancy conjured and irate lady, furiously indignant, waiting on the topmost step. I breathed supreme relief seeing she

was not there. Then, at length, she appeared, smiling and unapologetic. "Well?" I observed grimly.

She beamed unabashed. "Why didn't you come in?" queried, surprise tinged with

the flames that burst into the awful fires the first shell on to the Greek "And you told me so particularly

Mrs. Kingston looked at me with sparkling eyes. "If I were a man," said she with

morrow! Shall you make the rest of the world be of the same opinion?" asked curiously She colored faintly

"No." she decided, a shade defiantto the disastrous final result. He ing casis in my arid social desert." She looked away from my con-'Anyway," she maintained self-ex-

good trying.'

world. Not long ago at Flume, in There have been many well-authenti- in history. Somebody suggested to amid a thrill Joubert turned to his evolved his genius. Up to that time Austria, there was a heavy fall of cated cases where, after a heavy Roger Pryor that his hand should officers and said: "There goes the his marvellous gifts seemed all to half-frozen, brownish snow, and in rain, the ground has been found have the honor-as it was suppos- independence of the Transvaal." lie in the future; he was brilliantly Italy, and some parts of Germany, strewn with small fish which have ed-of firing the first shot. Though Some months later the gallant vet- clever, and would astonish the musithere was a down-pour of red rain. dropped from the clouds, and even he was so young and so hot-headed, eran was dead. Probably the calam- cal world one day. But I must con- his It was found upon investigation young frogs, scarcely out of their some good angel whispered into his ities which he foresaw, but could not fess that his reputation had dependthat the brown snow of Flume was tadpole state, have been known to the thought and the prevent, had much to do with has ear that this might turn out to be prevent, had much to do with has been known to the applauding favor of women. the applauding favor of women.

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subtle and increasing change. All his declared, incipient genius seemed to expand and blossom forth. As yet he did not seek to fly very high, fearing the strength of his new wings, but the dainty caprices, sonatas, and, above all, songs, that flowed with such amazing swiftness and delicacy from his facile pen, put

Of course, his world professed no astonishment. It was only what they had prophesied all along. And more than ever now did they pity him for his unfortunate mesalliance. I reminded them mildly that he did not seem to consider it in the same light, but invoked an indig-

nant chorus instantly: "Of course he pretended to be quite content, and in love, and all that, but every one could see plainly that it was only pretence." "A woman like that!" summed up old Lady Farleigh emphatically; but

woman. Moreover, she possesses six unmarried daughters, "without a soul or idea beyond babies and din-I happened to know, at first hand that Mrs. Varley, though certainly no pianist herself, was yet wrapped

there, Lady Farleigh is a vulgar old

heart and soul in music, and revelled in Frank's genius. Since that first meeting I had come across her continually at Mrs. Kingston's. Mrs. Kingston had, in the language of the day, taken her up. And it was amazing the transform-Tintypes ation she had effected in the too unvain young woman. The pretty,

untidy hair was waved loosely back from the low brow, and coiled becomingly at the nape of the neck; the shyness and awkwardness had almost entirely disappeared, and with them the unbecoming nervous stoop of the shoulders; while, as for her dress, it was as tasteful and a la mode as Mrs. Kingston's own. Could mere man say more?" Frank himself had altered a good deal since his marriage-grown quiet-

er and graver-older, it seemed; his boyish spirits were not quite so indefatigable as they had been, and he sunned himself less often, and with less satisfaction, in the eulogies and flatteries of his admiring circle. Sometimes, too, I caught a look of trouble in his sunny blue eyes, strangely at variance with his bril-

quite sudden; only a cold at first, but it settled on her chest, and turned to pneumonia, and her life was With this trouble Franks' genius collapsed like a pricked ubble. He

never touched pen or paper from the first moment of her illness. In week he was a white and haggard For three weeks she was desperate-

Then the bulletin went out that hope was abandoned, and Mrs. Varley's hours on this earth numbered. That night, to everyone's amazement, Frank appeared at the club. "How is-your wife?" someone questioned with an effort.

'Dying!" Frank replied briefly. He stood up and faced them with his young drawn face. to say to you," he announced, forcing his words. They stared at him and passed his shaking hand across pick me up, and return to terminate his eyes. "I-am a liar and a coward! I am a hypocritical cad!" His face went grey. "I have been meaning to confess for a long time. I

am not what you think me. All this year I have been living and acting a lie. I will tell you. It was so hard, and so fatally easy." He choked and grit his teeth hard; his eves were pitiful. 'Everyone had always thought me so brilliant, and predicted such a glorious future, and up lurid visions of that charming I had always accepted the predictions as a matter of course until a year or two back. Then for the first time I began to doubt, and the doubt was awful.

> "As far as technicalities went, I but it began to dawn upon me that, despite my passion for music, I posday I heard Molly singing to herself, the demise of the Emperor will come taking that I asked what it was.

> her favorite verses to music of her or evil fortune. Some disaster, on own fancy. That was the beginning the other hand, is said to menace of the end. You can guess the rest. the Sultan of Turkey. "In the Sul-"I meant to own up, but you tan's horoscope, the sun is about to know how shy she is. I still meant | meet the malefic rays of Jupiter and to confess, but each time my cour- Saturn, and hence nothing in the age forsokk me. Once I came here, shape of war, revolution, or assasstrung up purposely. It was the sination is unlikely." day Harkness congratulated me. After that I felt it would have killed me to own up. And so I let you all

dving!" Frank laid his head down on his as "a bit of all right." He works arms and sobbed. After all, Mrs. Varley did not die. general in the field, but he has a She recovered to find herself, to her happy little way with him which the amazement and unfeigned dismay, a soldier likes. In camp he lounges celebrity, courted and cajoled by all. about in his shirt-sleeves, and if it She protested bewilderedly, imp or- was not for his well-known smiling ing us to tell the world it was a face and bright eyes his own men huge mistake, and that all the glory couldn't tell him from one of themwas genuinely Frank's. Indeed, she selves. declared honestly that more than One afternoon, a correspondent half the compositions were wholly rode up to the horse lines, and,

Mrs. Varley was capable now of of the whole world. To Frank's utter astonishment and humiliation he is as great a favor- coolly replied the soldier. ite as ever. He still sends forth his! brilliant compositions, and it is go and search for him." rumored that there is a grand opera "Certainly, sir !" And the man in serious contemplation now. But rose obediently and took the bridle. upon everything appears the double "Can you tell me where the genley .-- London Answers.

----ANIMALS' TOILETS

of any animals, excepting some of does it mean?' the opossums. Lions and tigers | The correspondent turned on his wash themselves like the cat, wet- heel, went to his horse, mounted in ting the dark, india-rubber-like ball silence, and rode off, without waitof the forefoot and the inner toe and | ing to give an explanation. The passing it over the face and behind general resumed his seat on the the ears. The foot is thus a face ground, and laughed till the tears sponge and brush and the rough rolled down his cheeks. tongue combs the rest of the body.

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QUIET YEAR FOR THE CZAR. For this year, astrologers have with regard to the rulers of Europe. For instance, of King Edward, one of them says the planetary influences are unfavorable for his health, and he adds : "Let great knew all that art could teach me; care be taken of his Majesty's health and person." A quiet and uneventful year is said to be foreshadowed sessed very little originality. I composed, but my compositions were in no ways brilliant or wonderful, and an awful towner of must also take great care of his possible towners. an awful terror of my own crushing health. According to star readers, failure began to grow in me. You Emperor William will meet with could never understand what that some grave misfortune during the thought was to me. Then the temp- next three years. To the Czar a tation came. I married." He lift- quiet year is promised; but, on the ed his steadfast, white face. "Be- other hand, a great calamity is said fore God I married solely and whol- to be impending over the Emperor ly for love, with not the slightest of Austria. "The sand in the hour idea then-" He paused for a mo- glass," says one writer, "has nearly ment, then went on rapidly. "One run out, and, unfortunately, with and the tune was so quaint and so a great revolution in Europe. To King Alfonso of Spain and to King "She laughed, and confessed that George of Greece the coming year, finality; "I'd marry that woman to- her favorite amusement was to put it is claimed, will bring little good

> "HOLD MY HORSE, GENERAL!" General French is the sort of commander that Tommy Atkins describes his troopers harder than any other

> seeing a soldier sitting on a bundle of compressed hay smoking a wornthe general was. "The old man is somewhere about" "Well, just hold my horse while i

names of Mrs. and Mr. Frank Var- eral is ?" inquired the correspondent of a staff-officer further down tha "General French? Oh, he's somewhere about ! Why, there he is.

Cats make the most careful toilct holding that herse's head. What

Stout Old Lady (to chemist's A farmer says that a cow can be youthful assistant)-"Boy, d'ye keep cured of kicking by catching hold of a preparation for reducing flesh ?" her leg while in the act. Just so ; Boy-"Yes'm." Stout Old Lady- and a bee can be cured of stinging "Well, I don't know how much I by catching hold of her sting while

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