

LUCK IN MINING.

Two Blasts that Showed A Miner Where He Made His Mistake.

"One man cannot see as far into the ground as another," said John Pritchard of Aspen yesterday, "and there isn't a little bit of truth in the saying that he can when applied to mining operations. Thousands of instances might be brought forward to prove my position, and I learned the lesson very early in my mining career. The Tom Boy story is an illustration of this. Everybody thought J. Ernest Waters was wild to spend so much money on it, and yet it is today being negotiated for \$2,500,000, after paying more than \$500,000 in dividends in less than two years."

"I was down in the San Juan country in 1881, and had a claim over on Sultan Mountain, which I called the Jessie. It was a promising crevice, and I worked at it faithfully until I had expended nearly \$500, mainly for grub and powder, living alone in my cabin and frequently working fifteen hours a day. Then I sent home and father sent me \$300 more, which I used up. By that time I had been at work nearly two years, and I had driven my tunnel in about 200 feet, every inch of it with my own hands. Then I became discouraged, as I knew father had a mortgage on the old place and couldn't afford to help me any more. I got credit for \$100 and kept work, driving the tunnel fifty feet further, and then I felt that I was at the end of my rope."

"One day as I was gathering up my tools to quit, a nicely dressed man sauntered up to the tunnel and began to look around. He asked to see the tunnel, which was mostly in solid rock without timbering, and after he had closely examined both walls, asked me if I wanted to sell. I feigned indifference, and, after calculating 250 feet of tunnelling at \$10 a foot, answered that I might sell if I got my price. 'Well, what's your price?' he asked. 'Twenty-five hundred dollars,' I replied, with my heart in my mouth. 'Come down to town and get your money,' was the answer, and that night I slept with \$2,500 under my pillow, in clean sheets for the first time in two years. Next morning the purchaser asked me to help him put in a couple of shots and of course I agreed. When we got to the tunnel he examined the wall and selected a point about 100 feet from the mouth. 'Let's drill a couple of holes here,' he said. The minute he laid hold of the sledge I saw he was a miner, and in a short time we had two beautiful holes in the rock. When the shots went off I could hardly restrain myself from rushing into the tunnel at once, and when the smoke cleared away I was the first on the spot. And there lay a body of ore exposed which was afterwards found to be three feet thick, and ran over \$100 to the ton. I had left the vein, and the superior knowledge of my purchase had enabled him to detect the point of departure."

"I stayed around there a week, by which time he had taken out enough ore to pay for the cost of the mine, and then I went home and paid off the mortgage on the farm, and I've got the farm yet, though I am still mining. More than \$30,000 was taken out of that hole, and then the vein was lost and has never been found since."—Denver Republican.

Some Whims of Fashion.

Mauve and brown are one of the popular contrasts in millinery.

Blouse waists of velvet or velveteen, with a narrow metal belt, are the correct bodice for skating costumes.

Watches have gradually diminished in size until now the very latest bit of enamel, set round with diamonds, is no larger than a man's signet ring.

One secret of success in dress is to find out the colors which are most becoming and never wander away from these, no matter what the fashion is.

Manogany-colored hair is the latest fad, and the transition period between dark brown and this coveted shade of red is very interesting to the keen observer.

Satin ribbon two inches wide, plaited on the inside of the skirt at the bottom, is the balayage which fashion favors just at present; it is more durable than the pinked silk ruffle.

Muff chains of gold with diamonds set at intervals, so that they are open on both sides, are one of the novelties in jewelry. Rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and amethysts are also distributed in the same manner.

Fine book muslin in all the pretty little tints is used for evening waists for young girls, and is made over cheap silk or satin, trimmed with lace and ribbons, and worn with light-colored or black silk skirts.

The fashionable silks this season have more effects, and more with silver or gold threads running through it are very effective. Tinselled fabrics of all sorts abound in the shops, but they require very careful blending with other materials to make them becoming.

Sleeves in evening gowns are very short butterfly puffs or a draped puff caught with a bow of satin ribbon or a bunch of flowers, and there is no fashionable medium between this and the long sleeve, which means that the elbow sleeve has had its day.

Many of the new toques have a high, small crown, but the real Parisian toque is cut away so much at the middle of the back that there are two sharp points fitting down on the hair at either side, while flowers and white feathers are very conspicuous in the trimming.

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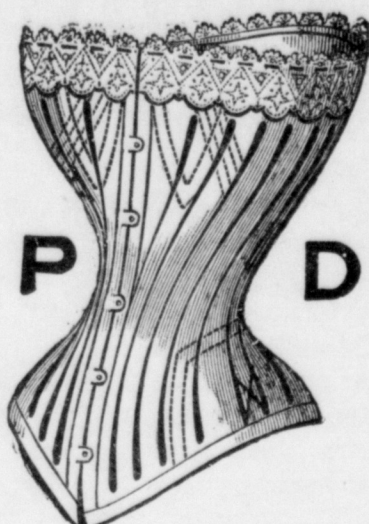
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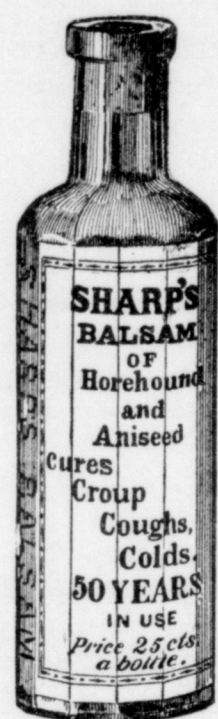
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STRENGTH TESTING MACHINES.

The Most Dangerous Tests are Those Made on Blocks of Stone.

One of the most interesting pieces of the city of Boston is one of a mechanical turn of mind is the engineering building of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and especially that part of it where the tests of the strength of different materials are made. The testing plant is one of the best of its kind in the country, and the test of the strength of about anything, from twine to iron columns can be made. It is not generally known, but it is a fact that it was at this plant that the first tests of large beams, columns, etc., for buildings were made, and as a result of the discoveries which were made by these tests, the building laws all over the world were changed.

The most interesting discoveries were made with regard to the strength of wooden beams. Previous to these tests the strength of beams have been figured by testing small pieces of the same kind of wood and then calculating the strength of the beam from the strength shown by these small sections. In making these calculations the small pieces which were tested were taken perfectly clear and free of knots, and allowance was made for the weakening of the beams by the imperfections in them. As a result of the tests made at the institute on entire beams it was shown that this allowance was not nearly large enough, and that for some time beams had been figured on to carry loads which would bring them dangerously near their breaking point.

The most imposing figure in the testing plant at present is the big machine which is used for crushing and tensile tests. The machine is an Emery patent and is on just the same principle as the one at the Watertown arsenal, although it is not so powerful, the latter being the biggest in the world. The institute's machine has a strength of only 300,000 pounds, but this is enough for any tests which are made there, and, in fact, for the large majority of the tests which are made at the arsenal. This machine will crush a great iron column together endwise in its powerful grasp or will pull it apart as a confectioner pulls molasses candy.

More spectacular than such tests as these are those made on wood beams, when the great timbers, after resisting to their utmost, bend upward and then break with a tremendous rending crash. The most dangerous tests are those made on blocks of stone, granite especially. A block of granite will resist almost to its breaking point without giving any sign, and when it goes it goes with a report like a small cannon, and is reduced almost to powder. The small fragments fly with tremendous velocity, and it is necessary in making a test of this kind to cover the object with thick layers of cloth, to prevent the wounding of the students.

Over in the corner of the basement is the torsion machine, one of the most interesting in the whole plant. It is powerful enough to twist a three inch bar of the finest wrought steel an unlimited number of times. It is surprising the extent to which a bar of good material will twist before breaking. There are at the institute some bars of Norway iron which have been twisted round and round twenty times a length of six feet, and the pitch is as even as though it had been cut with a machine. Domestic iron, on the contrary, will stand hardly any twist without breaking. The means by which the twist is measured is remarkably interesting. Two telescopes are mounted on the bar before the twisting process is begun, and these are sighted on a graduated scale on the wall across on the other side of the shop and by this means the slightest movement of the bar can be read with the greatest distinctness. It seems almost incredible, but it is possible for a man to take hold of the bar when it has been clamped into the machine, and by twisting it with one hand to produce a movement which is discernible on the scale on the wall.—Boston Transcript.

ONE NOT EASILY MOVED

True Story of What Was Needed to Get a Move on Mr. Blank.

A pretty girl living near New York is affected with a large number of would-be beaux, but has no use for any of them. For one, in particular, she had less than no use.

He showed up one evening in a bicycle suit, and while he sat in the parlor with the pretty girl, the pretty girl's little brother sewed the bicycle cap firmly down to the corner of the hall table and then dumped all the oil from the caller's bicycle lamp. But Mr. Blank never murmured while he picked the stitches from his cap as he said good night, and walked the two miles and a half home without a complaint.

Of course, the pretty girl thought that Mr. Blank would never show up again and gave little brother half a dozen bear hugs as a reward for bounding him. But ten days later Mr. Blank appeared again as if nothing had happened; this time in evening dress, with a silk hat. It was an awful hot night, but little brother was on deck just the same, and a thin slice of limburger cheese went under the lining of that hat before the evening was over.

Mr. Blank did not depart until 11.30 that evening, but nothing was ever heard of the cheese. This time the pretty girl and little brother made bets at odds of 16 to 1 that Mr. Blank would never call again. But Mr. Blank did call again and with a smile on his innocent round face. At about 9.30 little brother strolled into the parlor and walking up to the clock pushed the hands around a couple of hours ahead and strolled out again, silently. Mr. Blank went early that evening and has not been back since.—New York Sun.

OUR ENEMY
STOLE IN

An enemy stole into your house one day last week and touched you lightly in passing. You thought little of the matter at the time, for the enemy was only a vagrant current of air. But now you are beginning to learn what mischief the little intruder did, for your back is stiff and painful. Your head aches, and at times you feel dizzy.

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DOES GOLD GROW?

Some Veteran Miners Who Pretend to Believe That It Does.

They were all weather beaten trail blazers who had led the march of civilization into the mountains, and as they toasted their shins by the big stove in Lon Pickett's hotel bar at Melrose their conversation wandered from the recent election and the departed glories of other days to the latest discoveries in science. John Helehan had just finished reading from a mining journal about Prof. Emmons's discovery of the method of transmuting silver into gold.

"I think Emmons is a humbug," said old Judge Longly, a California Argonaut. "The old alchemists, you know, tried that, but they might as well tried to make an apple seed. Nature holds the germ and all the scientists who imitate her can do is to quicken its growth."

"I've heard tell of gold growing," remarked Will Robbins.

"So have I, said the Judge 'but you have never seen it grow, have you? I don't believe all the yarns these experts spin, anyhow."

"Boys," spoke up John Treanor, "perhaps I have got some queer old notions stowed away under this diggin' hat of mine, but for thirty years, man and boy I've been a prospector, and I've been doin' some thinking. And I tell you now that I believe gold does grow. Twenty years ago I struck the Locust and sank a shaft. It was silver ore, and after diggin' for a while I gave it up in disgust. Then I wandered over to the other side of the range and located the Banner, a copper mine now in the possession of Anaconda Co. I moaned around for a while, and eight years ago I went back to my old love, the Locust. Hang me if I could believe my eyes, boys, when I found the prettiest ledge was it as pretty as a picture, and I kept right on diggin' in that hole ever since. It seem to me that in the places where the water struck it it grew richer. I run in three tunnels at the bottom, but found the gold was not ripe, so I just closed up the tunnel and let them rest for a few years."

"Blame me if I don't think Hank Stebbins does the same," said Jack Filio. "Hank lives up in Soap Gulch, and has a claim he calls the Belcher. He discovered it thirty years ago, when Wash Stapleton was making bullets in his lead mine to kill Indians with. It is in a funny formation for that part of the country. It is in a formation that borders on the Melrose valley and the stratified gneiss formation that runs from that point to the base of Red Mountain. Thirty years ago Hank discovered that there were globules of silver in the sand and located, but there wasn't enough mineral to pay and he abandoned it. Ten years ago he went back to the old mine and began turning over the sand. He began to find chunks of gold instead of silver. He has a good thing of it now. He mines like the Mexicans used to mine years ago. He cuts stairs in the sand and takes the sand up in a candle box and sorts it over. Now all he has got to do when he wants to make a stake is to go down to the sand pile and wiggle a crow-bar around for a few minutes when up comes a piece of shining gold. Several capitalists have attempted to get hold of the mine, and one of Heinzel's agents made him a good offer for it, but Hank won't sell, for he is sure he has a fortune if the gold keeps on growing."—Butte Inter-Mountain.

INVENTOR OF THE FERRIS WHEEL.
Incidents in the Early Life of the Late George W. G. Ferris.

The early life of George W. G. Ferris the famous inventor of the Ferris wheel, who died at Pittsburg, is full of interesting incidents. When a boy his father's family removed to Riverside, Cal., from Galesburg, Ill., where the young genius worked on a farm, went to school, and devoted his spare time to outdoor sports, both field and athletics.

Finishing his academic course, young Ferris was sent to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., where he graduated in 1873 at the age of twenty. When George Ferris presented himself at Troy for matriculation, he was made the butt of much ridicule on account of his shabby clothes. On his second day there one of the older students began to call him 'hayseed.' Ferris sought to escape the laughing crowd of students, but they followed him, and the leader of the 'gang' continued his jibes unrelentingly, to the amusement of the other boys. Ferris was worked up to a white heat, and finally attacked the leader, a boy much larger and stronger, and whipped him in less than five minutes. As it happened the vanquished student was the bully of the school, and after this incident young Ferris was a hero among the boys there and became a favorite, not only in the institute, but also in the town of Troy.

While at the institute he became a great athlete. One of his feats was the throwing of a baseball 131 yards and some feet, pushing the record of John Hatfield, of the Brooklyn professional team, who threw a ball 133 yards and some feet in 1872, a record which is yet unbroken, while that of Ferris is the amateur record to this day. His reputation as a ball player at school in Troy brought him numerous hit offers from the New York and other baseball clubs. But he never played the game after leaving school.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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