

Household Hints.

By CASEY TAP.

Plated tableware, cruet-stands, candle-sticks, knives and forks, etc., may be restored by arresting the burglar. That is, they may be.

To keep moths from furs and woollen goods: Pack the articles firmly in an old trunk, or new one if you have it; place about five pounds of gum camphor in the trunk, take the trunk out to some vacant lot and gently touch a lighted match to the camphor. You can then go on your summer tour, feeling assured that the moths will not corrupt.

To a native of France belongs the honor of discovering how glass stoppers may be removed from bottles. His method is to make a hole about the size of a pea in the bottom of a bottle. (This may be performed by means of a wet file.) Into this aperture he places a tablespoonful of gunpowder, which he connects with the opening by an inflammable cord. Upon a match—a lighted one is better—being applied to this string the stopper of the bottle is removed.

Fountain-Head of Trade.

The following sensible observations are from the Toledo Blade. "It sometimes occurs that a business man—generally, however, one of the timid sort, doing a half-way business—thinks that advertising is of no value, because its results are not always immediately and directly visible. Such persons are unable to understand why custom cannot be directly traced to the source where they expended their money to obtain it. Business is like a river with many tributaries and in which it is impossible to trace every individual drop of water to the spring from whence it came. But if a journal is selected for advertising purposes that reaches time and again the persons most likely to be interested in the solution that paper is certainly a sure fountain-head of profitable trade in the stream of patronage far below. Temporary advertisements in a small way will not produce an immediate or permanent increase of business any more than a slight shower will affect the depth of water in a well but by persistency in the use of printer's ink in the right direction the results sought will be gained in the end with interest.

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The Boss California Story.

Upon this story we confidently defy the united genius of the aggregated press of the East: A small boy at Quincy in this State went up the mountain side full of pleasure at the first fall of snow. At the summit he slipped and rolled down the hill becoming the nucleus of a vast snowball, which hopelessly imprisoned him. He was missed after several hours and the searchers got on track of the snowball and trailed it where it had leaped from a cliff to a canon. Looking down they could see it lodged in the boughs of a pine tree. They finally got it, broke it open and found the boy inside alive, but rather chilly. Upon this incident we rest the reputation of California for the season.—Alta, California.

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He Asked too Much.

Marvellous as is the telephone its utility has made it as common as grocers' sugar, and in consequence it does not get the credit it deserves. People have ceased to wonder, and find themselves unconsciously demanding more than the little instrument can perform. This was the case of a well-known architect, the other day, when telephoning to the stone yard about a certain piece of work. He had asked the stone yard boss if he knew the exact shape of the stone that had been ordered, and on receiving a negative answer had promptly replied: "It is just this way," drawing the shape of the stone on the wall alongside of his telephone. He looked silly when he discovered his mistake and quickly told the stone man he would call down and tell him about the stone.

Had his Arm Taken Off.

Brother George—"Girls, did you hear what a sad thing happened to Tom F—r the other day?"

Girls (in alarm)—"No. What is it?"

Brother G.—"The poor fellow had to have his arm taken off."

Girls—"Oh, how terrible! How did it happen?"

Brother G.—"Well, it happened on the tennis ground. He was sitting by Mrs. Smith; they were then alone, when suddenly he put his arm around her."

Girls—"Well, go on. What then? What happened?"

Brother G.—"Well, it was then it had to be taken off."—Life.

The girl who never screams when she sees a snake isn't a safe girl to marry. With her calm, cool, collected, unexcitable disposition she would hit where she aims with the rolling pin every time.

"WHERE THE WEARY ARE AT REST."—"Yes," said he, sadly, "I've been an active man in my day, but I broke down, and the doctor has ordered entire relaxation from all cares."

"And where have you settled?" asked his friend, anxiously.

"Oh, I'm in business in Halifax."

THEY WERE FATIGUED.—"Is your rector going away this summer, Mrs. Pew?"

"Yes, indeed. The vestry has voted him three months' leave."

"They realize then that he needs a rest?"

"No; on the contrary, they realize that the congregation needs a rest."

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