

AN ANÆSTHETIC SAFE.

Queer Product of an Inventor of the Olden Times.

"I ran across a queer old relic in my line of business recently," said a safe and lock expert who is in the city. "I was prowling around a machine shop in a town in Iowa, trying to find a fitting that I needed, when I happened to notice a sheet iron box which seemed to have once been entirely covered with glass tubes attached to the surface by cement. All of the tubes were broken, and most of them were missing, but the general arrangement could be easily traced, and the contrivance impressed me at once with a sense of familiarity. Presently I remembered about it. It was all that was left of the one time famous 'anæsthetic safe,' an invention which ought to have been sponsored by a society for the prevention of cruelty to burglars. The idea of the thing was that any cutting or drilling through the outer casing should release certain chemicals which would promptly stupefy everybody in range of their fumes. In the morning the owner would find his valuables intact and could simply call a dray and pack off the unconscious burglars to jail.

"With such a device it was unnecessary to have massive steel walls, and the model which I chanced to resurrect was made of one-eighth inch sheet iron. The inner box was entirely surrounded with glass tubes about the diameter of a lead pencil and filled alternately with two chemicals which were supposed to produce stupefying gas when they came into contact. There was a thin outside casing, and the theory was that any effort to break in would necessarily fracture two or more of the fragile glasses. It seemed incredible, but several prominent capitalists became greatly interested in the scheme and stood ready to back it with unlimited means until actual tests finally convinced them of its grotesque impracticability. How the model ever drifted to the Iowa machine shop I couldn't find out. It had been there for years and was probably part of the plunder of some forgotten junk sale.

"The only other safe I know of fit to rank with the 'anæsthetic' as a freak was one designed by an inventor in Washington. It was circular in shape, with a pivot at the bottom, and at night-time the plan was to connect it with an engine belt and spin it like a top. The inventor was very much in earnest and made a large working model. He admitted modestly that the safe could only be used 'where steam power was available.' What would prevent the burglars from throwing off the belt he didn't state."

The Shoplifters' Harvest.

One of the judges of the court of special sessions in talking to a friend regarding ineffectual efforts of store owners and courts to check shoplifting said: "No matter how severe we make the punishment it seems impossible to stop these so called kleptomaniacs. Notwithstanding the large number of convictions, shoplifting is on the increase. The owners of one of the largest department stores in the city make a charge in their books each year of \$50,000 to 'loss by shoplifters.' That is a big item, but this firm does not make many mistakes in its books. This estimate has been reached after close observation and careful calculations and may be regarded as pretty nearly correct. This firm, too, has abolished its private detective service. It has decided that \$50,000 worth of goods will be stolen from its counters annually, detectives or no detectives. It figures that with the detectives it is apt to have other big losses. A detective anxious to make a showing will often arrest a woman when the charge cannot be proved in court. Then there is an action for heavy damages, which the plaintiff is sure to win."

Why the Door Was Locked.

"Nora, I can't get into the parlor."
"Sure, it's meself knows that, and yez won't with the key in me pocket."
"Open the door immediately."
"Will yez go in if I do?"
"Certainly I will."
"Then yez don't get the key."
"Open the door immediately. What do you mean?"
"Sure, it's by yer orders."
"My orders?"
"Yis. Yez said yesterday, 'Don't let me come down stairs in the mornin' and see any dust on the parlor furniture.' So I just put the key in me pocket and says I, 'Then sue me.'"

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Queer Trees at Niagara.

Persons visiting Niagara falls in summer often have their attention attracted to the queer shapes taken on by the trees which grow immediately around the great cataract. A trio of sturdy old trunks which must be every bit of 50 years old, and yet are graced with a tuft of foliage which seems to belong to a sapling of a few summers, stand near the American falls.

A visit to the falls in winter will explain the reason for the grotesque appearance of the trees. The mist thrown up by the falling water settles on the trees in such quantities that they often assume the appearance of icebergs stranded high and dry on the banks. As the weight of the ice increases the weaker boughs break away under the burden, and after a very cold season the tree emerges from its plating of ice shorn entirely of its branches. The trunk alone stands, and when touched by spring's warm breath it shoots out into a very close and compact bunch of leaves, which looks ridiculous on the top of such a heavy piece of timber.

Stupid Salesman.

"That sale you made settles you," cried the merchant, angrily. "You're an idiot! You're discharged!"

"But, sir," protested the new salesman, "you told me I might sell that vase for \$1."

"Of course, you idiot, but the woman you sold it to called it a 'vase.' If you had asked her \$5 she would have paid it."—Philadelphia Press.

Question of Grammar.

"I wouldn't care what those spiteful old cats said about my acting if I were you," spoke her intimate friend sympathizingly. "They're nothing but a lot of has-beens."

"I—I think," sobbed the young Boston actress, "the c-correct form is 'have-beens.'"—Chicago Tribune.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

Jimson—What became of that man who had 27 medals for saving people from drowning?

Dock Worker—He fell in one day when he had 'em all on, and the weight of 'em sunk him.—New York Weekly.

The Mark of Genius.

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9.30 a m—Accommodation for Fredericton Junction, connecting with Express for St. John and points east, and Accommodation for McAdam Junction.

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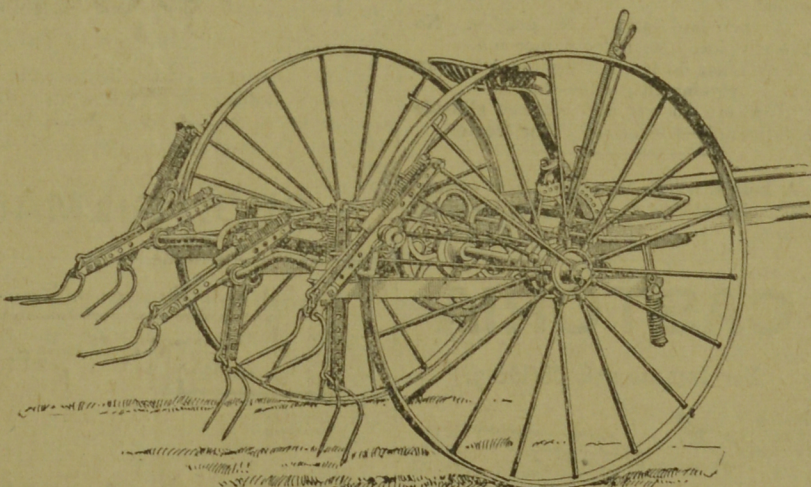
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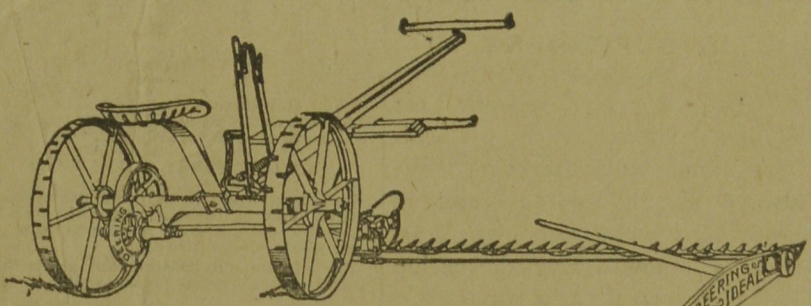
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Express from Montreal and Quebec..... 11.50
Express from Halifax and Pictou..... 17.00
Express from Halifax..... 18.35
Suburban Express from Hampton..... 21.55
Accommodation from Point du Chene and Moncton..... 14.15
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D. POTTINGER,
General Manager
Moncton, N. B., March 5, 1901.