

MAY FIND HIDDEN RICHES.

English Expedition to Search for Buried Treasure on Lonely Island in the South Atlantic.

It is now an open secret that an expedition is being fitted out in England to search for the buried treasure which escaped E. F. Knight and his fellow adventurers of the Alerte in their voyage undertaken a dozen years ago.

There is no secret about the island. It is Trinidad—not the big Trinidad of the British West Indies, but a small, rocky, volcanic islet in the South Atlantic.

How the nationality of the island rests at present is, nevertheless, uncertain. Brazil has never ceased to covet it, and the chances are that the treasure seekers may find the little spot of earth occupied by caretakers of Brazil, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"I am negotiating with the expedition," said E. F. Knight. He is a kind of godfather of the island, and has much the same rights as the leaders of the Irish National League to an evicted farmer.

"So we left it there till we should have time to call round and collect it. I hope the expedition that is going to start will find it, but I have my doubts.

"There are gold candlesticks 800 feet high, or 80 feet, or eight feet. One can't be precise to a cipher or two. It has been said that the 800-foot-high candlesticks were made to assist in the building of the Tower of Babel.

"You're not expected to believe all this, you know. But, seriously, I think the treasure is there and sufficiently extensive search should disclose it."

PARIS TO NEW YORK BY LAND. Seemingly Impossible Journey Outlined by an Adventurer Who Has Undertaken It.

In Harper's Harry de Windt, the famous traveler, writes of the trip on which he is now engaged, "From Paris to New York by Land."

"From Paris to New York by land!" exclaims the insular Briton, who, from sheer force of habit, cannot dissociate a trip to the United States from gigantic liners and a stormy sea.

Behring strait, however, is far away, and to reach it entails an arduous journey, parts of it almost as wild and inaccessible as central Greenland or unexplored Tibet.

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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Did his case come up in a court of justice?" "No, in a court of law. That is how he got off."

The Witness—Judge—"Do you think the fire was of incendiary origin?" Witness—"I wouldn't like to say that, your honor. To tell the truth, I believe the building was set on fire."

A Domestic Soul—"John is so domestic in his tastes," said the Billville matron. "He is?" "Yes. He's been all day, in the hot sun, trying to kill a rattlesnake to get a rattle for the baby!"

First Workman—"Why don't yer buy yer own matches, 'stead of always 'cadin' mine?" Second Workman—"You're uncommon mean with yer matches. I'll just take a few"—helps himself to two-thirds—"and be independent of yer!"

Lily—"You don't mean to say you have broken with Fred? Why, I heard him say only yesterday there wasn't another girl in the world like you."

Disquieting Possibility—"My dear," said Mr. Snaggs to his wife, "suppose we have beefsteak smothered with onions for dinner to-night."

"How is your boy getting along at school?" "Splendidly—splendidly! I tell you, my friend, this boy of mine will make his way in the world, don't you fear. During the time he's been going to school they have had 32 examinations, and he's managed to dodge every one of them."

WEAPONS OF THE CHINESE.

Evolution of the Mongolian Arms and Their Method of Designating Rank.

The prominent part played by China in the world's affairs during the past seven years has aroused the interest of collectors who have brought to this country many specimens of wares and goods peculiar to that part of the far east.

A careful study of the weapons shows that most of them are naught but industrial appliances suddenly employed for purposes of offense. One spear is a pitchfork and another a trident similar to the eel-spear employed by our own fishermen.

In honor of these victories they retained the primitive weapons of their captives and used them as trophies of their battles. Each Manchu officer employed a lot of Chinese captives and armed them with their own spears, tridents and axes, as the case might be.

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SURE TO BE CAUGHT.

Dishonest Postal Clerks Detected Sooner or Later.

Once the Post Office Official Becomes Suspicious They Never Rest Until the Pilfering Employee is Discovered.

"It is because one man thinks himself a trifle smarter than another that makes his thoughts run into dishonest channels," said an old post office inspector, according to the Washington Star.

"Now, since every postal employee in the United States knows that once the officials are suspicious of theft along his route or postal car run, that the inspectors lay all sorts of traps to land him behind the bars, why will they steal money letters with apprehension practically inevitable?"

The decoy letter looks no different from any other letter, and it feels just the same to the dishonest hand of the postal thief as any letter containing money.

"Some employees are very foxy, and go a long time before they are detected. They often try to place the guilt upon an innocent fellow carrier in this way.

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More Like Morgan. Henry Labouchere says Morgan is putting the handwriting on the wall. But perhaps Henry is mistaken, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

NAVY PREPARING FOR TESTS.

American Warship to Make Thorough Effort to Use Oil as Fuel Under Bottoms.

Unusual preparations are being made by the navy department for the forthcoming test with liquid fuel. A board consisting of Lieutenant Commanders J. R. Edwards, Frank H. Bailey, and W. M. Parks has been detailed to conduct the experiments in Washington.

It is proposed by the board first to conduct tests with appliances for spraying oil with air and afterwards with the appliances for making use of steam in the same connection.

It is proposed to use oil from all sections of the country, although in all probability it will be found that, pound for pound, there will be little difference in results in the efficiency of the several combustibles.

AMERICANS DINE WITH KING.

The Opening of the London Season Marked by the Brilliance of the Company.

The London season has started in earnest. People came flocking back to town to be welcomed by a piercing east wind. As is usual at the Newmarket spring race meeting, society was out in force.

Mrs. Foxhall Keene wore a most becoming fur-trimmed cloth costume. Princess Victoria, Princess Dhuleep Singh, Lady Mar and Kelly, Lady Miranda Forbes were among the best dressed women to be seen.

The court held was a brilliant affair. There is quite a little dissatisfaction felt in fashionable circles over the inability of many ladies to be presented at court while names on lists of the foreign embassies, particularly that of the United States, are given precedence.

THREE NEW TUBE MILLS.

United States Corporation to Spend \$60,000,000 on Big Plants at Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Gazette says: "The United States Steel corporation will expend \$60,000,000 in making improvements to their present holdings, and instead of building one large tube mill in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, three will be erected.

FOR SOUTHERN TEACHERS.

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A Limit Reached. J. Pierpont Morgan earned \$12,500,000 during the first week of his vacation, and may, if he has any kind of luck, make it an even \$25,000,000 before he has to come back and settle down to work again.

Well Named.

A Kansas man has named his baby daughter E Pluribus Unum. He isn't as crazy, however, as might at first be supposed, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

THE LATEST THINGS.

Pretty and Useful Things for the Utility and Decoration of the Home.

Housekeepers will welcome a new material for table pads that is shown this spring. It is to replace the cotton or felt silence cloth, and is made of asbestos cloth, woven so soft and silky that it cannot injure the most highly polished table.

Tiny kimono for the tiniest of babies are to be had. One seen in the layette of a little stranger not yet arrived was of white silk, the flushing band of neck, front and sleeves being of white silk embroidered in blue forget-me-nots.

The grass rug made of heavy fiber show in designs of constantly increasing beauty. Some seen this spring are in Oriental effect, with different colored combinations in soft tones that are extremely attractive.

It is something of a revelation to the average person having in hand the framing of a photograph and bestowing upon it two or three minutes, perhaps, of time, to discover how the artistic photographer regards the operation, says the New York Post.

Black velvet shopping-bags are shown again in the shops. They are trimmed with silver, a new effect being obtained by the plain way in which the silver is put on. The metal is not wrought in any design, but used as smooth bindings and mountings.

Still another way to clean gloves with naphtha is highly recommended by those who have tried it. Fill a wide-mouthed bottle or small jar with naphtha and put the gloves in it, covering closely. Leave for 48 hours, shaking perhaps once or twice gently, then take out the gloves and hang in the air.

A correspondent inquires to what place she may send table linen to have initials embroidered. The linen department of any of the large dry goods shops will take orders for this work.

Asparagus Loaf with Bechamel Sauce. Butter thoroughly a charlotte mold, quart size, and line it with cooked tips of asparagus well drained.

Hamburg Steak. Press the meat into shape, the thickness of a good steak, to retain the juices; salt slightly only before cooking; place on a wire broiler over a clear fire; when done, sprinkle a little more salt on it and rub a little butter over the meat.

Raisin and Red Currant Jam. Pick four pounds of red currants from their stems and wash them. Put in the preserving kettle with one pound of seeded raisins cut in halves, three pounds of sugar and four sliced lemons.

Ladies' World, New York.

WHICH OF THEM PROPOSED?

A Pretty Little Romance in Which Both the Man and the Maid Played Parts.

Her maiden aunt had all day been sounding in her ears the praises of a certain modest young man, and her maiden heart had rebelled, because it is very hard on a girl to listen patiently to what others take for granted and she is very uncertain about it.

She had no way of knowing that he cared more than other men for her. He called, and was a jolly, good fellow, full of fun, entertaining and good to look at.

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"Nora," he said, speaking to her, just as if she had been his sister or his wife, "sit here and take the baby. I am afraid to do it myself, for I might break its back. I don't know how to hold them."

She changed her seat and took the baby. It stopped its crying and snuggling up to her fell asleep. It had been good to hear him call her Nora, even if he was in the company of a hopelessly drunkard man.

The old woman explained that a year ago her son had lost his wife. He had insisted on taking the baby to visit a sister. She was to have met him at the Brooklyn bridge.

The young people left behind them the good wishes of the holiday season. Without asking him where he had found the unfortunate, and forgetful of any preliminary remarks, she said: "That was good in you, Jack."

He did not even hear the last word, says the New York Times. He had lost all his commanding air and was crestfallen and fearful.

JUST NATURALLY DEAF.

Jocular Citizen Acknowledges His Affliction and Talks of "Quinine-Deaf" People.

"Well, thank goodness," said a citizen who takes a jocular view of everything in general, "if I am a little deaf I'm honest about it at least."

"Aren't all deaf people honest about it?" asked another man, according to the Detroit Free Press.

"I'll have to ask you to speak a little louder. I've been taking quinine for my cold, and I'm just a little deaf to-day. My head roars dreadfully."

The Minister's Grip. The minister was a great hand-shaker, shutting down like a vise. One day he shook a little boy's hand, and absent-mindedly gave it an awful squeeze as he said: "My little fellow, I hope you are pretty well to-day?"