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**A CROSS-EXAMINATION.**

"I've got a headache this morning," said Kinks.

"You want to take a Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablet," said Kinks.

"What's dyspepsia got to do with it?" asked Kinks.

"I don't know," said Kinks.

"Oh, I don't know," said Kinks.

"You recommend Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets for a headache, don't you?" asked Kinks.

"Certainly I do," said Kinks.

"And you tell me you don't know what dyspepsia has to do with it?" asked Kinks.

"Well?" asked Kinks.

"What kind of a lobster are you?" asked Kinks.

"I'm all right," said Kinks.

"Well, how do you know Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure a headache, anyway?" demanded Kinks.

"Simplest thing in the world," said Kinks.

"How?" repeated Kinks.

"I've cured myself with 'em, many a time," said Kinks.

"How did you come to try them in the first place?" asked Kinks.

"Seeing them advertised in the papers," said Kinks.

"And do the advertisements say Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets are good for headache?" asked Kinks.

"Yes," said Kinks.

"And do you believe everything you see advertised in the papers?" demanded Kinks.

"No," said Kinks.

"Then what made you believe Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets are good for headache?" asked Kinks.

"The most conclusive argument possible, said Kinks. 'I've tried 'em myself,' said Kinks.

Women are queer creatures. One may be a queen if you are rich and smile on you if you are poor.

**A GOOD STRATEGIST.**

The Wife Possessed all the Possibilities of a Great Financial Diplomat

"You said yesterday that you were in financial trouble, I believe," said "Yes," Mr. Thursty replied, "and I'm terribly worried. I didn't sleep a wink last night."

"I think I heard you say something, too, about a note held by Mr. Hewitt, didn't I?"

"That's what is causing the trouble. If I could get him to extend the time on it for about 30 days, everything would come out all right. I could then realize on some securities I hold and get on my feet, but if he insists on payment now I shall have to sacrifice my valuable holdings, and this will ruin me."

"Have you asked him for an extension of the time?"

"No. That wouldn't do any good. He never favored anybody in his life. If he knew how I am fixed, he would be all the more anxious to press me for an immediate settlement."

"Well, don't you worry, dear. His wife, you know, is several years older than I. We met at a party this afternoon, and I spoke to a lot of women there of the days when she and I went to the same school. She turned pale when I mentioned the fact, fearing, of course, that I was going to tell how long ago it was, and that she was several grades above me because she was older, but I put down my pride and pretended that as I remembered her she was a little thing in pinafores just learning her primer lessons when I graduated. You go to Hewitt's house now, and when she is present ask him to extend the time on that note."

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## DEADLY LYDDITE.

**The Effect a Few Shells had on the Boers.**

One hell Lit Among Some Horses and Blew Them to Atoms—The Enemy Fled.

Modder River, Dec. 10, 7.35 p.m.—A 4.7-inch gun from the cruiser Doris, drawn by 32 oxen, started at midnight last night, and proceeded three miles northward. A squadron of the Ninth Lancers and a battery of horse artillery joined the naval force at 3.20 o'clock this morning.

The naval contingent consisted of four companies of marines and 50 sailors, under command of Capt. John E. Bearcroft, of the cruiser Philomel.

They began firing at the enemy from a ridge facing Spytfontein. They fired 14 charges of lyddite, at ranges, varying from 6,700 to 7,200.

One shell fell on a Boer tent, which immediately disappeared. Everything in the immediate vicinity was wrecked.

Another of the missiles dropped among a bunch of fifteen horses, which were blown to atoms. It is not known whether there were any Boers near the animals.

It is believed that the enemy did not see the gun which did the damage, it having been painted the color of the khaki uniforms worn by the men, and smokeless powder being used.

There was scarcely a flash when the gun was discharged.

The bluejackets have chalked the name "Joey Chamberlain" near the muzzle of this gun.

The first lyddite shell burst over a high point in the range of hills. The area of destruction was enormous. The whole ground appeared to be churned into red dust. The Boers hurriedly left an emplacement which they were preparing for a 40-pounder. The emplacement was apparently destroyed.

## NOTES OF NOTABLES.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey is a skillful and indefatigable chess player. Congressman Norton, of Ohio, abandoned medicine twenty years ago for politics.

Gen. Weyler's political opponents are making it hot for him in Spain. The Spanish newspapers delight in misquoting him on important subjects, and the minister of war, Gen. Polavieja, employs detectives to watch him constantly.

Dr. Richard Kandt, the German traveler whose recent journey to the sources of the Nile has attracted as much attention, is to be paid an annual salary of 7,000 marks by the German foreign office to enable him to continue his explorations.

William Simpson, who made a great reputation as a war artist and correspondent in the Crimea, has just died at the age of seventy-six years. Simpson's dispatches and sketches from the Crimea were always submitted to the Queen before publication.

The citizens of Spokane, Wash., are raising funds for the erection of a monument to John Robert Monaghan, who was killed in Samoa during the attack upon the British and American marines by the followers of Mataafa. Monaghan was well liked in Spokane, where he lived, and \$2,000 has already been subscribed toward the monument.

Ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas says regarding the story about his children's names: "The truth of the matter is that my girl's name is Ima Hogg. She was named by her mother. Her mother was reading a book somewhere in which one of the characters which interested her exceptionally was named Ima. About that time the little girl came along, and she was named Ima. We never noticed the play of the name until it was called to our attention. The boys all have rational names. They are Tom, Mike and Will."

## THE GIRL AND THE PIMPLE.

Newspapers contained last year the account of a girl who committed suicide, because she had a pimple on her face. Merrill's System Tonic from its blood purifying and blood strengthening qualities cures not only pimples but blotches of all kinds, also Scrofula, Eczema and Salt Rheum. Three weeks' treatment \$5.00. Sold at Central Drug Store.

An enterprising dime-museum manager advertises for a henpecked husband to complete his poultry exhibit.

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## NERVES ALL SMASHED.

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Mrs. Ellen Butler, 37 Callahan St., Toronto, suffered from indigestion in a severe form for several years, was unable to eat meat or vegetables, was threatened with nervous prostration as a result of chronic dyspepsia. After many remedies had been tried and failed, she began using the South American Nerve. When she had taken three bottles, to use her own words, "I cannot say anything so before me, and enjoy it without any bad after effects. I think it a wonderful remedy for dyspepsia and nervous prostration."

Sold by J. W. McLaren.

## "SALTING"

This Curious Custom is Still Extant in Parts of the World.

"Salting" newly born infants, a practice that dates far back to Biblical times, still obtains in many parts of the Old World. The Armenians in the Russian government of Armenia cover the whole surface of the babe's body with the salt, special care being taken with the interstices between the fingers and all depressions, such as the arm-pit and the bend of the knee, so that no point shall remain unsalted.

The unhappy infant is left in the salt for three hours or longer, and is then bathed in warm water.

The Armenians of some districts having abandoned the practice are called "unsalted," and are despised by the others.

The modern Greeks also sprinkle their babes with salt. If an enlightened mother protests, the midwife is ready with the objection: "But if it isn't salted it will be puny and will never amount to anything."

If this salting process is carried to excess the poor babes don't stand it at all. The skin becomes as red as fire, the irritation is intolerable and the child dies in convulsions. "Neith," there is a mountain tribe in Asia Minor that mercilessly salts its new-born babes for twenty-four hours, which shows that the limits of human endurance are wide in some cases. This ancient custom is still in vogue in many parts of Germany, says the rites of the old heathen gods, the rites of a little salt is rubbed behind the child's ears, in others a pinch of salt is put on the tongue or a little paper of salt is inserted under the garments. It gives understanding, the people say, and wards off evil spirits.

The action of salt in keeping meat sweet, no doubt, is the reason that this strengthening and sustaining power was ascribed to it. The usage became common in Eastern countries and it was not entirely confined to them. The prophet Ezekiel, referring to the degeneracy of Jerusalem, says, "Neither shalt thou wash in water to supple thee: thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all." To many Oriental tribes this means a grave omission of parental duty.

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## DEADLY LYDDITE.

**The Effect a Few Shells had on the Boers.**

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Modder River, Dec. 10, 7.35 p.m.—A 4.7-inch gun from the cruiser Doris, drawn by 32 oxen, started at midnight last night, and proceeded three miles northward. A squadron of the Ninth Lancers and a battery of horse artillery joined the naval force at 3.20 o'clock this morning.

The naval contingent consisted of four companies of marines and 50 sailors, under command of Capt. John E. Bearcroft, of the cruiser Philomel.

They began firing at the enemy from a ridge facing Spytfontein. They fired 14 charges of lyddite, at ranges, varying from 6,700 to 7,200.

One shell fell on a Boer tent, which immediately disappeared. Everything in the immediate vicinity was wrecked.

Another of the missiles dropped among a bunch of fifteen horses, which were blown to atoms. It is not known whether there were any Boers near the animals.

It is believed that the enemy did not see the gun which did the damage, it having been painted the color of the khaki uniforms worn by the men, and smokeless powder being used.

There was scarcely a flash when the gun was discharged.

The bluejackets have chalked the name "Joey Chamberlain" near the muzzle of this gun.

The first lyddite shell burst over a high point in the range of hills. The area of destruction was enormous. The whole ground appeared to be churned into red dust. The Boers hurriedly left an emplacement which they were preparing for a 40-pounder. The emplacement was apparently destroyed.

## "SALTING"

This Curious Custom is Still Extant in Parts of the World.

"Salting" newly born infants, a practice that dates far back to Biblical times, still obtains in many parts of the Old World. The Armenians in the Russian government of Armenia cover the whole surface of the babe's body with the salt, special care being taken with the interstices between the fingers and all depressions, such as the arm-pit and the bend of the knee, so that no point shall remain unsalted.

The unhappy infant is left in the salt for three hours or longer, and is then bathed in warm water.

The Armenians of some districts having abandoned the practice are called "unsalted," and are despised by the others.

The modern Greeks also sprinkle their babes with salt. If an enlightened mother protests, the midwife is ready with the objection: "But if it isn't salted it will be puny and will never amount to anything."

If this salting process is carried to excess the poor babes don't stand it at all. The skin becomes as red as fire, the irritation is intolerable and the child dies in convulsions. "Neith," there is a mountain tribe in Asia Minor that mercilessly salts its new-born babes for twenty-four hours, which shows that the limits of human endurance are wide in some cases. This ancient custom is still in vogue in many parts of Germany, says the rites of the old heathen gods, the rites of a little salt is rubbed behind the child's ears, in others a pinch of salt is put on the tongue or a little paper of salt is inserted under the garments. It gives understanding, the people say, and wards off evil spirits.

The action of salt in keeping meat sweet, no doubt, is the reason that this strengthening and sustaining power was ascribed to it. The usage became common in Eastern countries and it was not entirely confined to them. The prophet Ezekiel, referring to the degeneracy of Jerusalem, says, "Neither shalt thou wash in water to supple thee: thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all." To many Oriental tribes this means a grave omission of parental duty.

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