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A Case In Which an Alert and Resourceful Newspaper Man Managed to Outwit a Gathering of Shrewd

"One of the sharpest bits of newspaper work in my recollection," said one of the New York correspondents when the subject of getting news under difficulties pect of getting news under dimeutles came up, "was pulled off by a New York political reporter during the snap convention excitement in New York in 1892. You'll remember that the Hill people announced their intention of pulling off a delegate choosing convention in New York state while the cold weather was still on, and the Cleveland people set up a howl that could be heard all over the country. The Cleveland folks soon became known as antisnappers, and they united in denouncing the snap winter convention of the Hill people.

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"One day in January the political reporters attached to the New York newspapers got the tip by the underground method that William C. Whitney had called a meeting of the antisnappers from called a meeting of the antisnappers from all over the state, to be held in one of the main parlors of the Murray Hill hotel that night. The political reporters hus-tled around to get preliminary details as to the purposes of the meeting, but they were turned down everywhere by all hands connected with the antisnapper movement. Not a word could they get about what was going to be done. Moreover, they were told that nary a newspaper man was to be admitted to the meet. per man was to be admitted to the meet-ing or be told anything about what had occurred after it was over. It was an important bit of news, and the men who 'covered' politicals were in a quandary. They held a meeting to consider the situation at the Fifth Avenue hotel. As they were talking, with their heads together, an up state Democratic politician, one of the antisnappers, passed through the rotunda of the hotel. He happened to be the living image of one of the newspaper men. The newspaper men gazed after the receding figure of the politician and commented on the resemblance. The man who looked like the politician spoke

"'He's down here to attend that Murray Hill meeting tonight,' said he thoughtfully. If we could only sandbar im or give him knockout drops, I coul et as his substitute at the meeting.'
"He thought it out for awhile and then

turned to the crowd confidently.
"'I've got it,' said he. 'I'll attend the
meeting in his place. He won't be there. You fellows be on band after the meeting, and I'll give you the stuff.'
"It was then about 3 o'clock in the aft-

ernoon. The political reporter, who was a real 'ringer' for the up state Democratic politician, went after the latter. He

knew him. "By the way," said the newspaper "'By the way,' said the newspaper man, 'there's an old friend of ours up in White Plains taking the gold cure,' and he mentioned the name of a well known Albany man whom they both knew. 'I took him up there yesterday, and he was in a pretty bad way. He's always spoken pretty highly of you. I'm going to take a run up to White Plains to look him over and see how he's getting on, Come on up with me. You can get back Come on up with me. You can get back by 6 o'clock.'

"All right, said the politician. and they got into a hansom and were driven to the Grand Central station. They were so busily engaged in talking that the politician didn't notice which gate they went aboard the Boston express, which only hesitates a few times on the way to the town of beans, the first stop being made brough to take the trai at New Haven. The politician was blissfully ignorant of the destination of the fully ignorant of the destination of the train and figured that he was on a local bound for White Plains. When the brakeman sung out 'All aboard!' the political reporter said to the politician, 'Excuse me a minute; I want to go up forward to see if there's a how with the aft-

cuse me a minute; I want to go up forward to see if there's a boy with the afternoon papers on the train.' Just as the
train was pulling out he hopped off.
Shabby trick? Of course it was, but a
political reporter's life is a warfare.

"The Murray Hill meeting was called
for 7 o'clock. About 50 of the mostprominent Cleveland men in the state
and city of New York were on hand,
and they were solemnly ushered into the
parlor where the meeting took place.
There had to pass all kinds of guards and They had to pass all kinds of guards and doorkeepers and sergeants-at-arms, but the newspapr man got through them all, His resemblance to the politician he impersonated was simply stunning, and he used some bits of make up to increase the resemblance. He took a seat in the rear, and he didn't miss a trick. The whole outfit pledged not to give a single detail of the meeting to the newspaper men first of all, and then the business went for prd. Just when the meeting was about to adjourn the sergeant-at-

arms handed a telegram to Mr. Whitney, the chairman. "The newspaper man correctly figured "The newspaper man correctly figured that it was from the politician who had been sent speeding on his way to Boston. He quietly rose, picked up his hat and walked out by the rear door, nobody suspecting anything. We had no means of ascertaining what a bombshell the missing politician's telegram threw into the crowd, but we did learn later that it was from him and that he told in it of the was from him and that he told in it of the

was from him and that he told in it of the job that had been put up on him.

"We adjourned in cabs to another hotel, and there the political reporter who had sat throughout the antisnappers' meeting gave us all of the details. He had a remarkable memory, and he had the whole thing down pat in addition to a manifold conv of the resolutions. to a manifold copy of the resolutions which had been passed, with which each man at the meeting had been furnished He could have written the thing up him-self and scored a clean scoop on the town, but he passed his pickings over to all of us, which was a pretty generous thing in itself, for we'd all have been in trouble with our papers had we been beaten on the thing. Every morning paper in New York had four columns on the first page the pext morning about first page the next morning about the antisnappers' meeting, resolutions and all. I saw Mr. Whitney a few days later, and I couldn't refrain from grin-

'I believe you gentlemen could penetrate a vacuum without admitting the air along with you, he said."

Nicotine. It has often been quoted us..., ain of nicotine administered all at once would kill the strongest dog. While this statement is undoubtedly true, it is somewhat misleading. In order to commit suicide by smoking the dog would have to consume 400 strong cigars, one right after

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Rejane is to act Zaza in London. Cora Urquhart Potter will not ret to this country."

Kyrle Bellew is to have a theater built for him by London admirers. Duse made her first bow to the public at the age of 3 years and has been on the

Mme. Modjeska will commence her farewell tour of this country early in October at Montreal. The lately discovered papers and other relics of David Garrick will be sold by

auction in London soon.

Gerhart Hauptmann has not only earned money from his plays, but inherited some estate from his father and married

acter of Sukey in the production of "Ja-nice Meredith," in which cast Mary Manering will be the star. , Yvette Guilbert received \$16,000 for

Vivian Bernard plays the negro char-

one month's performance in the United States, and Anna Held got \$4,000 a month when she first appeared. Miss Eleanor Farjeon and Mr. Henry Farjeon, the talented children of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Farjeon and grandchil-

dren of Joseph Jefferson, have colabored in a musical farce entitled "The Regis-try Office." The nineteenth annual report of the Actors' Fund of America shows receipts for the past year of \$39,493.71 and a balance at the bank in cash and securities of \$192.867.55. There are now 836 annual members and 140 life members.

The ingenuity of the comic writer in inventing funny names for farcical productions is well exemplified in "Hodge, Podge & Co.," the new piece in which Peter F. Dailey stars. Here are some of them: Sheeza Dreem. Ainshe Grayte and Guessah Genn.

GLEANINGS.

It is estimated that 3,000 marriages are daily performed throughout the world.

Last year there were 3,846 fires in London, and 191 lives were lost from that

Twenty-four men have each served 20 years and upward in the United States senate.

The rice eating Chinamen could con sume the present world's crop of wheat and still go hungry.

The number of newspapers and period icals in the United States has increased from 5,871 in 1870 to 21,178 in 1899. Sixty years ago the sugar made from cane constituted 95 per cent of the whole product. It has now fallen to 34 per

The death list of Bellevue hospital, New York, contains this record: "Un-known man, admitted Aug. 13, taken to Ward No. 13; died at 3:13 p. m., Aug. Spurious mummies are made in France

and shipped all over the world. Shrewd antiquarians, before purchasing, examine the mummy with X rays, and in this light the sham article is readily discov-Hams are generally sent to Singapore

packed in bran or oats, then sewed in canvas and afterward packed in salt, this process preserving the flavor far better than any other method, besides keeping the ham moist.

ECHOES OF THE CENSUS.

Chicago has finally made up her mind to face the census figures and look pleas-It is a smart city that ci

the claims of the population liar.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal. Boston comes up so closely behind St. Louis that the latter can feel its icy

breath. We are the tifth city in numbers. all other respects we are still the hub of the solar system.—Boston Herald. Detroit has now joined the list of cities which think the census did not count

them large enough. Cities are much like men. Very few are as large as they figured on when an actual showing occurs. - Washington

What if Baltimore's population is not so large as some others? We always did prefer quality to quantity.—Baltimore

Puffed up cities on Manhattan Island, Lake Michigan and elsewhere may cut larger figures in the census than old Boston, but there is only one Common and one Bunker Hill.

Perhaps the most important general declaration from the reports of the re-cent census, it is noted, is that "the west has ceased to grow relatively faster than

THE ROYAL BOX.

In receiving some Americans the other day King Oscar of Sweden and Norway said, "I welcome you as Americans and therefore fellow monarchs."

The queen of Spain has announced that in the event of the marriage of the Prin-cess of the Asturias to Prince Charles of Bourbon no dowry will be asked for from parliament.

Victor Emmanuel III, the new king of Italy, besides having a good collection of old coins, has gathered what is probably the finest collection of stamps owned by any one man in Europe. Upon this he has spent many years and very large has spent many years and very large sums of money.

That Queen Victoria is a faithful pa-tron of Irish lace and linen is well known. Her liking for the linen is so enthusiastic that no cotton is permitted to be used in any of the royal residences. Even the simplest kitchen cloth must be made of Irish flax.

The Princess of Wales has a doveho at Sandringham in which are kept quite a number of beautiful white doves. Her royal highness is greatly attached to these birds and is in the habit when at Sandringham of daily visiting her pets and taking them small dainties.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

An apparatus for condensing sea fog into drinking water has been invented by Professor Bell. It will be welcomed

as a desideratum by ocean voyagers. The average velocity of cirrus clouds is about 80 miles an hour, while in winter they sometimes have been known to travel at the rate of 230 miles an hour. No comet, so far as is known, has ever been in contact with the earth or mingled its surface with our atmosphere. The nearest approach ever observed was the comet of 1770, which approached to within 1 400,000 miles of our planet. within 1,400,000 miles of our p



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THE PEDAGOGUE.

President Hadley of Yale is an expert with the foils and is said to be a better fencer than any one in his college.

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