

The Booby Prize.

It was the first prize money my wife had ever won, so naturally there was a good deal of discussion as to how it was to be spent.

"No, darling, certainly not; you have invested it much more cleverly." "You know you like the sunshade, Ted."

"I thought you bought the candle shades, dear." "She laid down her knitting, and was looking coldly at me."

"Yes, pet, I always enjoy chiffons." "Ted," my wife exclaimed, with burning eyes, "surely you always enjoy seeing your own wife look pretty?"

"Best for which, dear?" "I asked. "Best way of spending the money, of course. Do you like gray or a sort of mauvy pink?"

"Mauvy pink, dear, I always like mauvy pink." And for a moment the silence of the smoking-room was only disturbed by the click-click of my wife's knitting needles.

"A sunshade, darling; I always was dead on sunshades." "My wife looked at me with eyes full of proud happiness."

"Ted, dear, I am glad I won the prize; it will save you buying me a new sunshade or a feather boa to wear at May's wedding."

"I had laid aside the sardine dish in my mind as my wife's birthday present, so this was not to be encouraged."

"You can make even the choir boys jealous on Sunday," I interrupted. My wife fell to knitting again.

"The worst of it is, darling, that feather box will soon; now, a silver puff-box would always last, and I could leave it to Gladys as a memento of her mother's."

"How proud the cottagers will be," said my wife, "to have a real silver sardine box!"

"Yes," I replied, "I wonder if they like sardines?" "We had some friends in to dinner next evening, and they pleased my wife much by admiring some candle shades she had put on the mantelshelf."

"I looked up in surprise." "Ted, dear, didn't I tell you that I didn't spend my money for the box, and these two shades came to exactly ten shillings?"

DREAD BUBONIC PLAGUE.

THE OUTBREAK AT VIENNA A VERITABLE TRAGEDY.

How the Disease Was Contracted—The Original Victim Owed His Premature Death to an Inoculated Rat—The Danger of an Epidemic.

A veritable tragedy of modern science is the outbreak of the bubonic plague in Vienna. It has already killed a doctor and a laboratory assistant, and threatens the lives of many other persons.

In Professor Nothnagel's laboratory, where this outbreak originated, experiments have been conducted with the plague germs since the outbreak in the East, nearly two years ago, of the most dreadful of all epidemic diseases.

It receives great attention from the medical profession of Vienna, because, on account of that city's proximity to the East, the plague is more feared there than elsewhere in Europe.

Vienna has been a centre of plague investigation. It is now a centre of infection. The germs have undoubtedly been carried broadcast through the city from Nothnagel's laboratory.

Barisch, the original victim of the Vienna laboratory, owed his death, according to the latest report, to a rat. He was an assistant in the laboratory. The doctors had been making experiments with anti-toxin on the rat.

In the first place, the germs were injected into the animal. Then it was put back into its cage, in order that the disease might develop and the anti-toxin be tested.

Barisch dropped the rat, which disappeared in a hole. He sucked his thumb and said and apparently thought no more about it.

For three days Barisch went about the city as usual, visiting friends, drinking beer and enjoying the largest possible amount of social intercourse.

At the end of three days he was stricken down with the plague in its worst form. He had swelling in all the glands of his body, blackness of the skin and terrible vomiting.

Dr. Mueller treated him. In three days he developed the plague and died. Two women nurses, Albert Pecha and Johanna Hochberger, were dreadfully ill, but recovered.

Six other cases then developed. They were treated in an isolated building. One physician, Dr. Poch, who volunteered for the work, stayed inside the building. He wrote his prescriptions and held them against the window-pane inside.

Rats have long been dreaded as a means of spreading plague infection. They spread it in Hong Kong and Bombay, two cities where the disease has raged recently.

Wherever the pestilence has appeared vast quantities of dead rats have been about the houses. This was particularly true during the last epidemic in Bombay.

It is long ago recognized that the disease could be spread by inoculation. One of Dr. Kitasato's assistants in Hong Kong cut himself while performing an autopsy on a plague case, developed the disease and almost lost his life.

The plague lurks perpetually in certain interior cities of Asia. Occasionally it appears in the great ports and creates a panic. In 1894 it broke out in a severe form at Hong Kong.

Dr. Yersin, a French physician, who studied with Pasteur and then went to Asia, prepared a plague and anti-

WON A BRIDE BY BRAVERY.

THE MAN WHO TRIED TO SAVE BARNEY BARNATO'S LIFE.

He Jumped Into the Sea From a Fast Going Ship—For it He Got an Annuity and an Heiress.

The last act of Barney Barnato's life was to make the fortune of a young naval officer. The diamond king of South Africa, who had been the ruin and blessing of so many lives, probably did not contemplate this result of his suicide when he leaped from the saloon of the royal mail steamer Scot, on the way from Cape Town to Southampton, for it was almost certain death to battle with the high waves that were surging at the time.

This was Mr. W. T. Clifford, fourth officer of the Scot, one of the bravest men and most powerful swimmers in the British merchant marine. His heroic effort proved futile, but it pays to be a hero for all that, since young Clifford has just won for his bride a beautiful young South African heiress, who witnessed her lover's gallant action, and used it to win over an obstinate father.

For some reason, the father of Miss Gertrude Rodney, the naval officer's pledged wife, had a dislike for Clifford, and objected strongly to his attentions which began on the voyage to England, when Barney Barnato was a fellow passenger, and several officers of the Scot told the writer, who made the trip out to Africa on that vessel just after the diamond king's escape, that Clifford had performed his feat as much for the effect on Miss Rodney as to save Barnato.

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ENGLAND A CENTURY AGO.

Those "Good Old Times" Were Fearfully Wicked and Beighted.

The pessimist, regarding only the iniquities and injustices of the present has only to turn back one hundred years to find that the world really does move on, that our to-morrows will surely be brighter than the yesterdays.

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THE ZULU SIDE STROKE.

He ascribes his physical prowess to continual swimming when a boy along the African coast.

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Clifford is now 28 years old, but is looked upon as one of the most efficient officers in the royal naval reserve. He is 5 feet 8 inches in height, and has shoulders so broad that they seem entirely out of proportion to the rest of his body.

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TWO EMINENT MEN.

Mr. Goschen the First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lord Lansdowne, the Secretary for War.

The First Lord of the Admiralty and the Secretary for War in Great Britain are never taken from the army and the navy, as the corresponding cabinet ministers often are in France.

They are almost always men of force, with a general training for public business, rather than any special knowledge of the great offices conducted by them.

Mr. Goschen, who is the chief executive of the British navy, was a banker when he entered public life. He has been Vice-President of the Board of Trade and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He has conducted an important diplomatic mission at Constantinople, and has held many offices of state because he is a man of great capacity. He is a most efficient head of the admiralty because he has a talent for making everybody in the department work.

Mr. Goschen has a bent, ungainly figure, a rough-hewn face with deep lines and wrinkles, and a harsh, rasping voice. Although one of the poorest speakers in Parliament, he is always listened to with respect because the force of his argument commands attention.

The speakership of the House of Commons was once offered to him, but he was compelled to decline the office, one of the greatest posts in England, because he was extremely short-sighted, and could not recognize members from the chair. He is a man of many talents, and has been highly successful in public life by virtue of them.

Lord Lansdowne, the Secretary for War, has not had military experience, but he has been under-secretary in two departments and Governor-General of Canada, and Viceroy of India. He is a graceful speaker and an accomplished man of the party, but he is so plodding, industrious, official whose working power and mastery of details have been repeatedly shown. Under his direction the War Office is well managed, as it needs to be when England's small army is overworked by arduous service in a world-wide empire.

An American Cabinet should be made up like a British ministry, from the able men of the party in power. The members do not need to have special training for the office assigned them, but they should be men who have had experience in public affairs, and who possess executive capacity and genuine working power.

Upon my bedroom mantelshelf, With many knick-knacks laden, Two figures stand, at either end, A china man and maiden.

So lovingly they sadly glance, As if to say, "Come nearer!" While each replies, "Alas, I can't! But, Love, you're all the dearer!"

She holds a crook in one plump hand, Her hair is bright and golden, Her dress is flowered and furbelowed In dainty fashion olden.

He wears a three-cocked heaver hat, And coat of satin yellow, With dark-brown eyes, and powdered queue, He is a handsome fellow.

A gun is slung across his back, But you need never fear it, A bear has long been his sole aim, Ah! it he were but near it!

And still they smile and sadly glance, As if to say, "Come nearer!" While each replies, "Alas, I can't! But, Love, you're all the dearer!"

The evil that men do lives after them, The good they publish while they live,



MAJOR-GENERAL SIR FRANCIS GRENFELL.

There is only one Sirdar in the public mind now, and Sir Herbert Kitchener is his name. But Major-General Sir Francis Wallace Grenfell, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., was Sirdar of the Egyptian army from 1885 to 1892; and his excellent service has all the more reason to be recalled now that the policy he inaugurated has been carried to culmination by his successor, Sir Francis, indeed, as commanding in Egypt, had had the satisfaction of receiving the Sirdar's reports, and of handing them on to the Home Government.

Before the tenth century English ladies wore long sleeves with pointed flaps that rested on the backs of their hands, or when they went forth in winter drew the loose drapery of their outer garment over their hands. The first glove had only a thumb and no fingers, like the mittens of the present day.

Their wearers were so proud of them that they emphasized them by bright colors, such as violets, reds and blues. The gloves were wondrously embroidered and starred with jewels. No gloves were finer than those of the clergy. They were mostly of white silk or linen, cunningly embroidered and sometimes fringed with pearls. One ecclesiastic had a red silk pair, with the sacred monogram worked on the back, surrounded with a golden glory, and later on they had gloves to match their different vestments. In fact, gloves had departed from the primary ideas of utility and become a decoration.

They were too magnificent for common wear and in contemporary pictures the nobility seemed to have carried them rather in their hands or in their girdles than on their fingers. The knight's mailed glove sheltered his hand; it became a sign of power, and when a gracious lord meant to signify his intention to protect a town he sent his glove as a sign of his willingness. The glove, too, was a token of defiance when one knight declared war against another, and at the same time, as if to mark the difference between the strong right hand of man and the daintier hand of woman, he bound his mistress' delicate glove to his helmet by way of showing his fealty.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S AVIARY. A visit to the Queen's aviary at Windsor is a treat that comes to few. The front pens were built for such ornamental birds as should be acquired by Her Majesty, but they are nearly all filled with poultry. In one pen may be seen a very fine family of gold-pencilled Hamburgs, and in another a family of twelve ring-doves. There is a very pretty story in connection with these latter birds. When Her Majesty made her first journey through Ireland after her marriage there were lowered from the top of a triumphal arch, beneath which the royal carriage was passing, a pair of beautiful ring-doves. From these birds the present family at Windsor have descended. Stringent means are adopted to prevent disease in the aviary. As soon as a bird shows any signs of illness it is killed and its body cremated.

PLAGUE ANTI-TOXIN. Dr. Yersin, a French physician, who studied with Pasteur and then went to Asia, prepared a plague and anti-

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