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### FIGHTING THE FLAMES.

which devastated America in the autumn of 1891, a frightened crowd, consisting of about three hundred persons, succeeded in reaching a railway line, but found no train to convey them to a place of safty. The fire was rapidly gaining on them, but a train was, nevertheless, procured in time, owing to the heroism of a telegraph operator, who, with the flames literally burning him to death, contrived to make their wants known at the nearest station.)

Oh, 'tis hard to fall, when the trumpet call sounds the clarion note of war,
'Mid the hideous yell of shot and shell and the deadly cannon's roar;
But the death that comes with the rolling drums is an easier death to die.
Thin to stand and wait for a lonely

Thin to stand and wait for a lonely fate while the fire-field rushes by.

Hurling a bold defiance in the teeth of his tyrant, man.
With the treacherous aid of the winds
of heaven his flickering strength

of heaven his flickering strength to fan,
The fire god leeps in wanton joy to find that he is free,
As with quickening pace, in his head-long race, he leaps from tree to

Ever in front are rolling his vanaguard clouds of smoke.

Which ye'l the way with their pall of gray to deaden and blind and choke;

Behind I a the stately forest trees like

choke;
Behind le the stately forest trees like
a field of storm-swept hay—
Charr'd, smouldering wrecks, they
have bowed their necks to the fireking's yoke this day.

Scared by his tireless fury, fleeing before his face.
Three hundred souls are huddled for a moment's breathing space.
They are crying aloud for succour, but help is of no avail
If it come not fast, ere the pitiless blast sweep on with fiery trail.

With the crackling flames around one gallant hero stands,
And sends their piteous cry for help with scorched and blistered hands,
With blinded cross he branch tries to With blinded eyes he bravely tries to

pass their message on,
Till the voice of the wire has raced
the fire, and the longed-for aid is His, too, to stay as the hapless prey of that angry crimson glow.

He did not fail nor his spirit quait
when face to face with death,

Whose life had saved three hundred lives from that hungry, hissing He has written his name on the roll

read;
He has quickened the flow of our pulses slow by his simple, manly deed.
While the wotld shall spin we will hall him kin, for a hero such as he Knits heart to heart, and tho far apart, joins hands across the sea.

Eating Five Men.

Has Served 17 Years-Story of the Gn stly Crime.

Denver Jan. 11 .- The last official act of Charles S: Thomas, who retired as Governor Tuesday, was to grant a parole to Alfred Packer, the maneater. The release of the noted prisoner was the result of efforts urged in his behalf for two years. Packed has been a prisoner more than 17 years. He was sentenced for 40 years in 1883. Packer's crime was the murder of five prospectors in the wilds of Colorado. He admitted that he killed one, but claimed self-defence Packer was compelled, he said, to eat the flesh of the dead man to keep from starving. Packer comes of a good family, and is well educated. He os a nephew of William F. Packer, a os a nephew of William F. Packer, a former Governor of Pennsylvanja.

The story of the crime has often been told. Packer and five companions were travelling from Utah to Southern Colorado when they became lost in a snow storm in the mountains. They fell short of provisions and were compelled to drink soup made from their moccasins in order to sustain life. Finally want of food, according to Packer's story, drove his companions crayy. Packer left camp to search for game, and as he was returning was attacked by one of his comrades, a man named Bell, with a hatchet. Packer fired and Bell fell dead. On reaching camp, Packer says, he found his other companions dead and a piece of the flesh of one of them roasting over a fire, having been put there by the man who had attempted his life and who had murdered the others.

Packer's awful hunger was too great for him to withstand the sight of food, even though it was human flesh, and he ate the meat with great relish. He remained at the camp several days longer, living on the flesh of his dead companions. He finally became strong enough to travel, and at last reached civilization. He was soon arrested, but escaped, and for ten years was at liberty. Finally he was captured and was tried and sentenced to be hanged. He was granted a new trial, at which he was sentenced to former Governor of Pennsylvania.

captured and was tried and sentenced to be hanged. He was granted a new trial, at which he was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for each of his alleged victims, the sentence to be cumulative. From that time until now numerous attempts have been made to obtain Packer's release — by habeas curpus, under the insanity laws and by pardon. He has had powerful friends, and much money has been spent in his behalf. Many persons believe that Packer and his five companions discovered an old Indian silver working, known as the Lost Mine, supposed to contain a fabulous store of metal, and that Packer is the only man alive who knows the secret of its location.

In the year 1861 the ste low left the Cape of Good Hope, bound for England. Among the passengers was a child of two years and a nurse. The lady had also when suddenly all were awe-by the loud and piercing struck by the lou screams of a woman.

child at the side of the vessel one, and it had fallen overboard into the great Atlantic. But something rushed swiftly past her; there was a leap over the vessel's side, a splash into the water, and then Nero's black head appeared above the waves, helding the child in his teeth.

The engines were stopped as soon as possible, but by that time the dog was far behind in the wake of the vessel. A boat was lowered and the ship's surgeon ordered the sailors to pull for their lives. One could just make out on the dancing waves the dog's black head, holding something in his mouth.

The mother of the child stood on the deck, her eyes straining anxious-ly after the boat, and the black spot upon the waves still holding firmly to the scarlet jacket.

Sometimes a billow higher than its fellows hid for a moment the dog and child. But the boat came near enough at last to allow of the surgeon's reaching over and lifting the child and the dog.
"Alive!" was shouted from every

lip, as the boat came within hail of the steamer and, as the answer come back, "Alive!" a "Thank God!" broke from every heart. Then the boat came up to the ship's side. Many hands were stretched out to help the brave dog on board, and "Good Nero," "Brave dog," resounded on every side. But Nero trotted up to the child's mother and looked up into her face with his big brown eyes. It was as if he said, "It is all right, I have brought her back quite safe."

### Law of the Umbre la!

The law as to umbrellas was settled once for all by Lord Coleridge in a leading English case. His Lordship held:

"Umbrellas, properly speaking, are a part of the atmospheric or mete-orological condition, and as such there can be no individual property right in them. In Sampson versus Thompson, defendant was charged with standing on plaintiff's front steps during a storm and thereby soaking up a large quantity of rain to which plaintiff was entitled. But the court held that the rain was any man's rain, no matter where it fell. It follows, therefore, that the umbrella is any man's umbrella. In ell ages rain and umbrellas have gone together and there is no reason they should be separated

An umbrella may, under cercircumstances—the chief of which is possession-take on the attributes of personal property, just as if a man set a tub to catch a quantity of rain water, the rain water will be considered as his personal belonging while it is in his tub. But if the sun evaporates the water and it is rained down again, or if the tub is upset and the water spilled then the attribute of personal own-He was Convicted of Killing and ership instantly disappears. man holds his umbrella in his hand it, may be considered a personal belonging, but the moment it leaves his hand it returns to the great, general, indivisible, common stock of umbrellas, whither the law will not

attempt to pursue it,' So far as we know there has never been a successful appeal from

The Silver Egg. A silver spoon held over a tallow candle soon receives a coating of black. If this same spoon with its coating of lampblack be plunged into a vessel of water, says the Scientific American, a very curious thing will happen. The spoon will no longer appear black, but metallic. When it is loved from the water, however we find, contrary to our supposition that the coating of lampblack has not been washed away. The phenomena can be readily explained. The water cannot penetrate the layer of the black, therefore merely adapts itself to the shape of the spoon with-out coming in contact with the metal, and reflects light as perfectly as

The experiment in a modified form can also be performed in the followa mirror. ing manner. An egg is held over a candle or preferably a smoky petroleum lamp until it is perfectly coated with lamp-black. When placed in with lamp-black. When placed in a vessel of water, the egg will have a metallic sheen, and will appear to have been silvered over. When removed from the water, however, it immediately becomes black again.

A Girl's Best Counselor Is Her Father. "Trust your father's judgment of your men friends rather than your own at first," writes Helen Watterson Moody to girls, in the December Ladies' Home Journal. "The gay, witty, responsive young man who will probably most attract you, will not be the one who will be likely to have his serious consideration and respect. Talk over your men friends with your father, and see what healthy, unemotional, sane manstandards he will set up for you. I really think if a girl could have but one counsellor in her love affait, it would better be her father than anyone else. A man's mind is a great tonic to the somewhat diluted intel-lect of a girl in her first sentimental

### His Nose for News.

"Henry," whispered the maiden is tenry, whispered the matter in some embarrassment as they stood in the hallway, where the young and handsome reporter was preparing to say good-night, "it's dreadful of me, I know, but I've been eating

"Great Scott!" Fannie, he ex-claimed. "You don't think that's a scoop on me, do you? I knew that as soon as I came in."



## SOME SCRANTON ALDERMEN

Charged With Perjury and Ac cepting Bribes in a Telephone Contract.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 10.—The councilmen who resigned to escape prosecution for bribery are to be placed on the stand in the pending bribery cases and asked to disclose what they know

and asked to disclose what they know of the alleged crookedness in the city hall. If they refuse they are to be prosecuted for perjury.

Ex-Councilmen Simon Thomas, T. J. Coyne and M. V. Morris have already been charged with receiving Mr. Coyne. Coyme and M. V. Morris have already been charged with perjury. Mr. Coyne was given a hearing before Ald. Fuller. Detective Jos. Harris testified that he gave Coyne \$20, and bargained with him for the delivery of 14 yptes at \$200 apiece. E. A. Whitney, another detective who peeked through

a crack in the door, corroborated Har-ris. Coyne was released on \$2,500 bail At the postponed hearing in the brib-ery cases, Richard O'Brien made abso-lute denial of any knowledge of the use of money by the old telephone company to defeat the franchise of the new company. He admitted giving \$15 as a present to F. W. Gallagher, the lobbyist, who was working against the new company.

meet them with patience; hasty words rankle the wound, soft language dresses it, forgiveness cures it, and oblivion takes away the scar. It is more noble by silence to avoid an injury than by argument to overcome

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