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the big fish weighed 168 pounds, and was sold in the market for \$60.—Ed.

Pithy Pars.

The 14th (West Yorkshire Regiment) are known as "Calvert's Baiters" after a famous Colonel Calvert, who commanded them from 1806 to 1825. They are also called the "Old and Bold."

Many paupers have lived to be 106 years old, but there is no record of a millionaire having attained that age. The Duke of Grattan is within about five years of being a centenarian.

Because the 9th Foot (the Norfolk Regiment) sacked convents in Spain during the Peninsular War, and sold the contents for drink, they have ever since been known as the "Holy Boys!"

A physician declares that if only twenty minutes a day were spent in physical exercise as an adjunct to mental education, we might live to seventy without a day's illness, and perhaps prolong our lives to a hundred years.

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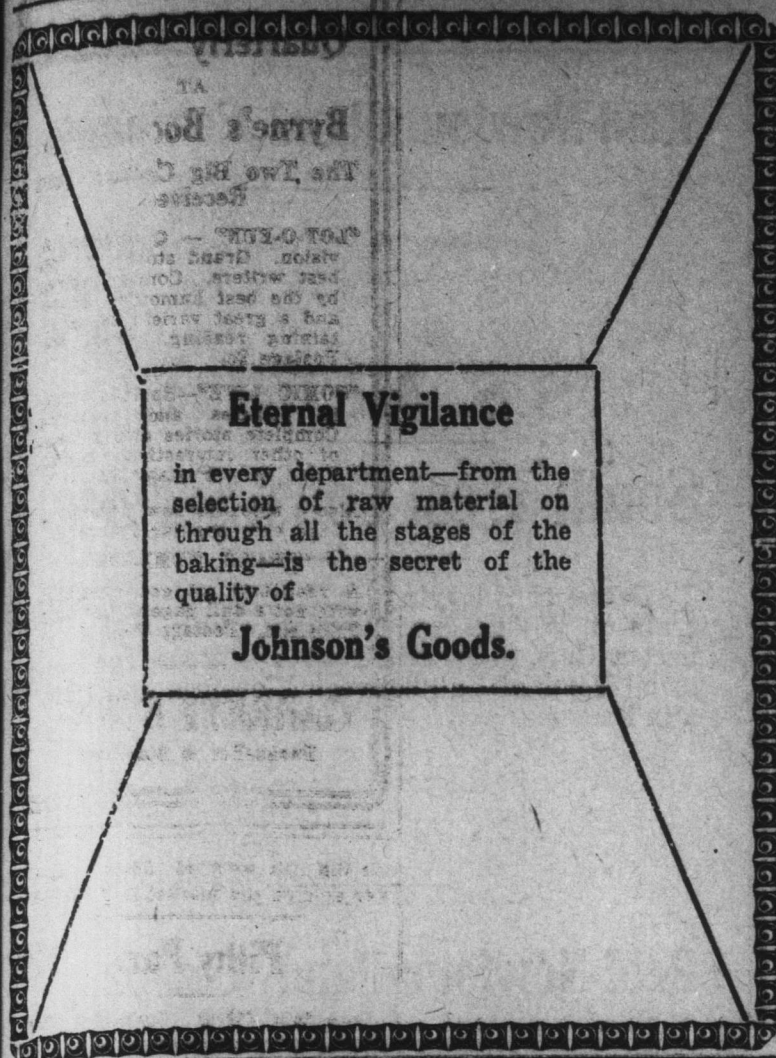
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Fortune From a Convict's Boast.

The Romance of a Big Business.

My name is Chubb, that makes the patent locks; ye burglars, and despair.

A certain Bill Sikes, however, treated the rhymester's words with contempt. He asserted that he had picked with ease some of the best locks, and that he could pick Chubb's locks with equal facility.

It was a vain boast, in spite of the fact that he was a locksmith by trade, given every facility, and offered a reward if he could accomplish the feat.

It happened in this way. Just over 100 years ago a serious robbery, accomplished by the aid of false keys, took place in the Portsmouth Dockyard. A reward of £100 was offered by the Government for a lock which could not be opened by any other than its own key. Charles Chubb, a Portsmouth hardware dealer, decided to make an attempt to win the prize with a lock patented by his brother, Jeremiah, and which he had improved upon.

Hearing of the boast of Bill Sikes, who was then a convict on board a Portsmouth prison ship, the Government decided that he should test the lock. Not only did Mr. Chubb offer him a reward of £100 if he succeeded, but a promise of a free pardon was made by the authorities.

Baffled!

Armed with all the files, tools, and

blank keys he required, the convict set to work, but after trying for two or three months he was obliged to give up the job in despair. Charles Chubb thus gained the Government reward, and so laid the foundation of a business which has acquired a world-wide reputation.

Perhaps one of the most interesting facts regarding the house of Chubb is that their famous locks to-day are, in principle, the same as the one which beat the convict and won the Government prize. Jeremiah Chubb's first patent was the introduction of a detecting mechanism, the detector consisting of a lever moving on a fixed centre-pin, and so placed as to be operated on by the tumblers or levers of the lock.

When the levers are raised to their correct height by the use of the proper key supplied with the lock, the bolt is duly thrown and the lock secured. But if any attempt is made, either carelessly or by design, to open the lock by means of any but its correct key, the levers are lifted above or below their assigned height; the detector then comes into action and effectually stops the motion of the bolt, detecting the lock and rendering it temporarily useless.

It was Jeremiah's brother Charles who so improved the lock that the adjusting key became superfluous. He introduced a certain device which allowed of the key by which the lock

was actuated being also capable of counteracting the detection.

Mighty Strong-Rooms.
The first Chubb locks were made in a small workshop at Portsea, Hampshire, but the winning of the £100 prize revolutionized the business.

Orders for the lock which beat Bill Sikes poured in from all parts of the country. The hardware shop was given up and a small factory taken in the great bookmaking centre of Wolverhampton, with which locality the house of Chubb has since been so prominently associated. That small factory grew to such huge proportions that to-day Chubb's Lock Works are among the biggest in the Midlands.

Some interesting details of the development of lock, safe, and strong-room construction are given in the story of "The House of Chubb," (Jenkins), written by Sir George Hayter Chubb and W. G. Churcher. Perhaps one of the most remarkable improvements made by Chubb's was the diagonal bolt system, introduced over seventy years ago, which proved to be one of the most effective arrangements ever devised for binding a safe or strong-room door to its body or frame.

The bolts, instead of shooting straight from the door into their sockets or flange, emerge diagonally and enter angular apertures provided in the body of the safe or frame door, knitting the frame and door together with extreme tenacity. Another improvement was the substitution of round bent corners for the rectangular safe corners formerly constructed, thus preventing the insertion of wedges into the angle joints and the wrenching off of the back of the safe, a favorite method of the burglar in dealing with the commoner types of safes.

A quarter of a century ago a sensation was created by the production of a steel strong-room of such dimensions that its completion was celebrated by an extensive luncheon-party being accommodated in its capacious interior. Rooms of far greater dimensions are now regularly produced. Some idea of their strength may be gathered from the fact that certain recently-constructed treasury doors alone have weighed, with frame, nearly ten tons, yet so accurately are they poised on their massive crane hinges that they can be moved by one hand.

"In such doors, keyholes, which might afford an opportunity for the insertion of explosives are absent," to quote the authors of the book referred to, "the bolt-work being controlled by keyless combination locks and time locks fitted behind the massive plates of the door, and only allowing of the door being opened after a certain prearranged hour, and then only on the simultaneous attendance of three officials."

"All these arrangements are designed to baffle the modern crooked man, who presses into his criminal service a number of weapons unknown to the burglar of a century ago. Armed with modern explosives and with the oxy-acetylene blowpipe, few indeed are the safes of a past era that would provide any defense against these tremendous potent modes of attack.—Tit-Bits.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

Do You Chew?

One taste the war added to many thousands of Englishmen, is the habit of chewing gum, a habit very few indulged in before 1914, and one which was supposed to be an American one. Now it is reckoned that close on a hundred million people throughout the world are inveterate chewers, according to the latest figures of the sales of the world's favourite sweet.

The greater part of chewing gums chewed either in America or here comes from one of our own colonies, Honduras. It comes from a tree called the mastic tree, and the actual gum is really the sap of this tree. The tree is "tapped" by making cuts through the bark, and the sap collected in bags.

It is afterwards boiled till it becomes a sticky pasty mass very similar to dough, but rather more solid. This is allowed to set, cut into blocks and shipped to America, where practically all the chewing gum as we know it is made.

The solid blocks of gum are refined and flavoured and coloured to suit various people's taste, and put up in the little packets which have now become so familiar over here. Altogether over four thousand tons of chewing gum are collected and chewed every year.

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Mother! You must say "California" Syrup of Figs.

PROPHECY.

The prophets afflicting are always predicting that evils are coming to pass; the old we are pumping is billed for a slumping, and soon we won't have any gas. The prophets are warning that coal mines are failing and soon we'll have nothing to burn; we'll sit up and shiver from wishbone to liver, and wish that old times might return. Our lands are exhausted and husbandry's frosted, and soon we'll have nothing to eat; there's not enough leather to make a good tether, and there'll be no shoes for our feet. The sheep are not bearing the wool for our wearing, and we'll have no rags for our backs; it's no world for boosters; our hens are all roosters, our milk cows won't get down to tacks. The gods are against us, they've herded and fenced us preparing to hand us a jolt; the future's alarming, so let us be arming for anarchy, riot, revolt. And yet we're silly we heed not the chilly and ominous words of the seers; we're joking and playing while doing our haying, and yipping and wagging our ears. The talk of disaster, it seems, cannot master the natural pop of the soul; we ought to be drooping, but gaily we're whooping while laying in cordwood and coal.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp!

A lady in the States while residing at home nine years ago, then being of the vintage of sweet sixteen, had two dollars and gave same to a tramp. The other day a man walked into the store where she is now working and asked her if she was she. On receiving assurance that she was, he told her by said tramp, he now being dead and gone and otherwise having no further use for the money. The lady was considerably surprised.

She said she had not expected that return for her two dollars. She explained at considerable length that when she handed that two dollars over to the tramp she had not had any jealous eye upon his prospective \$65,000 at all. Yet in view of the fact that he was passed away, she felt it only fair to his memory to do

as he wished and accept the money. Since that time several people have written to her explaining about the tramp. It appears he wasn't her personal tramp at all. One man wrote quite an indignant letter saying he once invested thirty-five dollars in that same tramp and he now wants a thousand to pay off a mortgage. Seventeen other people have come across with memorandums to prove themselves shareholders in said tramp. But there is nothing doing. The lady in question stoutly maintains if these people wanted to reap their dividends they should have had the tramp incorporated. Otherwise and to the contrary notwithstanding she considers that her investment being the only capital registered on the books entitles her to full share of all profits, proceeds and increments, accruing from appertaining to and possessed by said tramp.

Owing to the wide publicity given this interesting little item of news, it is said that in many places in the States, tramps are now selling above par, and hundreds of purchasers who had saved up something in the sock to put into old stocks have withdrawn their money and invested in Weary Willie.

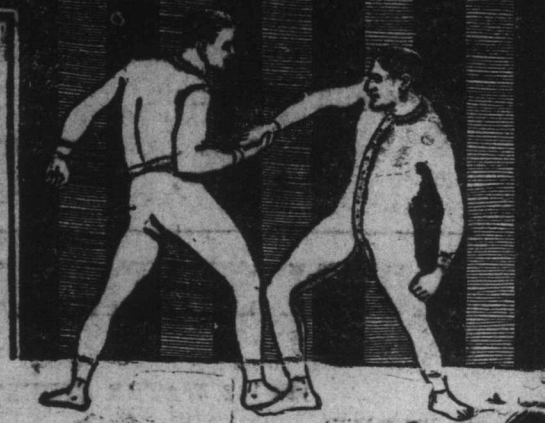
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Fads and Fashions.

Much satin is used for shoes. Velvets are still in great vogue. The demand for velveteen is great. Two-piece pajamas are in vogue. Spring will probably favor short sleeves. Curled ostrich dominates in millinery. The Eastern note is dominant in jewels. The short waist will be greatly favored.

Monkey fur appears on sport costumes. Turbans appear, worn with Eastern robes. Paris uses color in her undergarments. Corduroys are much used for negligees. The new blouses have large and dashing revers. Audacious checks are in favor for sport costumes. Bright colored duvetys are used for sports wear.

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