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After the Fire. BY OLIVER WENDLER HOLMES. [From the Atlantic Monthly for January] While far along the eastern sky I saw the flames of fire...

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How I Escaped Being Killed in a Duel.
BY MARK TWAIN.

The only merit I claim for the following narrative is that it is a true story. It has a moral at the end of it, but I claim nothing on that, as it is merely thrown in to curry favor with the religious element.

After I had reported a couple of years on the Virginia City (Nevada) Daily Enterprise, they promoted me to be editor-in-chief—and I lasted just one week. But I was not an unusually lively newspaper while I did last, and when I retired I had a duel on my hands, and three horse-whippings promised me. The latter I made no attempt to collect; however, this story concerns only the former. It was the old "blatant" of the silver excitement, when the population was wonderfully wild and mixed; everybody went armed to the teeth, and all slight and insults had to be avenged with the best article of blood your system could furnish. In the course of my editing I made trouble with a Mr. Lord, editor of the rival paper. He flew up about some little trifle or other that I said about him—I do not remember now what it was. I suppose I called him a thief, or a body-snatcher, or an idiot, or something like that. I was obliged to make the paper readable, and I could not fail my duty to my subscribers by publishing merely to save the exaggerated sensitiveness of an individual. Mr. Lord was offended, and replied vigorously in his paper. Vigorously means a great deal when it refers to a personal editorial in a frontier newspaper. Healing wounds the feelings among the upper classes in that country, and very few gentlemen would throw away an opportunity to fight one. To kill a person in a duel caused a man to be even more looked up to than to kill two persons in the ordinary way. Well, then, you abused a man, and that man did not like it, you had to call him out and kill him; otherwise you would be disgraced. So I challenged Mr. Lord. He would not accept; but I knew perfectly well that he did not want to fight, and so I challenged him in the most violent and implacable manner. And then I sat down and suffered and suffered till the answer came. All our boys—the editors—were in a commotion, "being" me in the dismal business, and telling about duels, and discussing the code with a lot of aged ruffians who had experience in such things, and altogether there was a living picture taken in the matter, which made me unshakably uncomfortable. The answer came—Mr. Lord declined. Our boys were furious, and so was I—on the surface. I sent him another challenge, and another and another; and the more he did not want to fight, the bloodthirstier I became. But at last the man's tone changed. He appeared to be waking up, and he was becoming apparent that he was going to fight me, after all. I ought to have known how it would be—after all, he was a man who never could be depended upon. Our boys were exultant. I was not, though I tried to be.

It was no time to go out and practice. It was the custom there to fight duels with navy six shooters at fifteen paces—load and empty till the game for the funeral was secured. We went to a little ravine just outside of town, and borrowed a barn-door for a target—barn-door of a gentleman who was absent—and we stood this barn-door up, and stood a rail on end against the middle of it, to represent Lord, and put a squab on top of the rail to represent his head. He was a very tall, lean creature, the poorest specimen of a man for a duel—noting but a line shot could "fetch" him, and even then he might spit your bullet. Exaggeration aside, the rail was, of course, a little too thin to represent his body accurately, but the squab was all right. If there was an intellectual difference between the squab and his head, it was in favor of the squab.

Well, I practiced and practiced at the barn-door, and could not hit it; and I tried hard for the rail, and could not hit that, and I tried hard for the squab, and could not hit the squab. I would have been entirely disheartened, but that occasionally I cried out one of the boys, and that encouraged me to hope.

At last we began to hear pistol-shots near by, in the next ravine. We knew what they meant! The other party were out practicing, too. Then I was in the last degree distressed, for I knew those people would hear our shots, and they would send spies over the ridge, and the spies would find my barn-door without a wound or a scratch, and that would simply be the end of me—for of course that other man would immediately become as bloodthirsty as I was. Just at this moment a little bird, no larger than a sparrow, flew by, and lit on a sage-bush about thirty paces away; and my little second, Steve Gillette, who was an excellent marksman with a pistol—much better than I was—snatched off his revolver, and shot the bird's head off! We all ran to pick up the game, and sure enough, just at this moment, some of the other declaimers came reconnoitering over the little ridge. They ran to our group to see what the matter was; and when they saw the bird, Lord's second said:

"That was a splendid shot. How far off was it?"

Steve said, with some indifference:

"Oh, no great distance. About thirty paces."

"Thirty paces? Heavens alive, who did it?"

"My man—Twain."

"The mischief he did! Can he do that often?"

"Well—yes. He can do it about—well—about four times out of five."

I knew the little rascal was lying, but I never said anything. I never told him so. He was not of a disposition to invite confidences of that kind, so I let the matter rest. But it was a comfort to see those people look sick, and see their under-jaws drop, when Steve made these statements. They went off and got Lord and took him home; and when we got home, half an hour later, there was a note saying that Mr. Lord perceptibly declined to fight!

It was a narrow escape. We found out afterwards that Lord hit his mark thirteen times in eighteen shots. If he had put those thirteen bullets through me, it would have narrowed my sphere of usefulness a good deal; I would have well nigh closed it, in fact. If he had only had put peps in the holes, and used me for a hat-rack; but what is a hat-rack to a man who feels he has intellectual powers? I would scorn such a position.

I have written this true incident of my personal history for one purpose, and one purpose only—to warn the youth of the day against the pernicious practice of dueling, and to plead with them to war against it. If the penalties and suggestions I am making can be of any service to Sunday-school teachers, and papers interested in the moral progress of society, they are at liberty to use them, and I shall even be grateful to have them widely disseminated, so they may do as much good as possible. I was young and foolish when I challenged that gentleman and I thought it was very fine and very grand to be a duelist, and stand upon the "field of honor." But I am older and more experienced now, and am indelibly opposed to the dreadful custom. I am glad, indeed, to be enabled to lift up my voice against it. I think it is a bad, immoral thing. I think it is every man's duty to do everything he can to discourage dueling. I always do now; I discourage it upon every occasion.

If a man were to challenge me now—now that I can fully appreciate the equity of the practice—I would go to that man, and take him by the hand, and lead him to a quiet, retired room—and kill him.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A general strike is now in progress in the coal-mining districts of Wales. It is estimated that 70,000 men are on the strike. In many of the mines work has been entirely suspended, and a general stoppage of operations is feared in the districts. Coal is at famine prices, and the effect is being felt disastrously throughout the country. The strikers demand an increase of wages, which has been refused by the proprietors, who have combined for the protection of their interests.

M. Quad Lewis, a Detroit journalist, has a remarkable history. By being blown up on a steamboat he was enabled to "realize" handsomely on a damage suit. With his hard earned capital he then entered a country printing office, where he afterward wrote an account of "How it Feels to be Blown Up"—his first effort in literature. The sketch had a great run in the newspapers, and Quad, astonished, kept on writing. He is now one of the sparkling writers of the Detroit Free-Press, and conceals romances of seventy-five chapters for the literary weeklies at an enormous salary.

May Have Had—Barnard.—We never serve any body who's had sufficient; you've taken too much already." Thirsty Customer—"You'll 'xchuse me marm; I may've had too much (hie), but I 'ave'n't 'ad enough."

Foreign Intelligence.

In the U. S. House of Representatives, Jan. 8th, Sargent moved an amendment increasing the appropriation for the President's salary from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and fixing the salary hereafter at \$50,000.

Holman made a point of order that the amendment changed an existing law and was, therefore, out of order.

The Chairman ruled that although it was a change in an existing law, still the practice of the House had been not to treat amendments to increase salaries as being changes in existing laws. Although he did not clearly see the distinction, still under the practice he overruled the point of order.

Holman appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the Committee did not sustain the Chair, the affirmative vote being only twenty-two.

Sargent then modified his amendment by omitting that part making the proposed increase permanent, and the same objection was made by Holman, and overruled by the Chair.

An appeal being taken, the decision of the Chair was not sustained. Ayes, 60; nays, 67; so that the amendment was decided out of order and not received.

A special despatch to the Aita from our correspondent at Washington gives extraordinary news concerning a wide commercial treaty, being a proposition from a newly-formed steamship company to transport the mails at less than half the rates now asked for. Following is the despatch of our correspondent:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A proposal has been made to the Postmaster-General, Cresswell, and to the British Government, to establish a line between England and Australia and the intermediate American ports, for a rate that will insure the granting of the subsidy by both Governments. Only \$100,000 is the sum asked of the United States, with a guarantee that splendid vessels will be put on the route, with ample passenger accommodation and capacity for making the voyage quickly. General Burdick and Tom Scott are the parties making the offer; the rest of the Itinan Line are probably those intended for the service. A combination of railroad interests at Washington has brought about this offer. The strong feeling in the East against the low rate of subsidy asked for, and the financial responsibility of the parties making the offer, render it certain that an arrangement will be concluded; and Tom Scott will have the opportunity of becoming a marine monarch as well as a Railroad King.

A ROMANCE OF THE ROTHSCHILDS.—A London letter to the Times says:

The very uppermost circles of society here are agitated by the report of the imminence of an extremely unusual and startling event. A daughter of the Rothschilds is about to be married to a poor man—and this poor man is a Christian! The young lady who is thus about to break with the traditions of her family and disregard the teachings of her religion is the daughter of Sir Anthony Rothschild, and the man upon whom she is resolved to bestow her fortune and her heart, is the Hon. Mr. Yorke, a son of the Earl of Hardecliffe. I hasten to nip in the bud the sympathy with which this news may be received by members of the society for the propagation of the gospel among the Jews by adding that Miss Rothschild is not "converted," and that she is not going to embrace Christianity nor to renounce her own religion. She will remain a Jewess, and her husband will continue to be, at last, nominally a Christian. The disapproval with which the aged and excellent baronet, her father, regarded the match is said to be increased by his failure to discover in his prospective son-in-law any qualities either of head or heart which could justify or even excuse what he regards as his daughter's infatuation; but then it must be remembered that he is not in love with Mr. Yorke, and his daughter is, and this makes all the difference in the world. The Rothschilds have long formed a sort of royal family of their own—intermarrying only with their cousins—and it is said that every possible means of persuasion have been brought to bear in vain upon this young lady to induce her to abandon her resolve. The reluctant consent of her father, or rather the withholding of his positive prohibition of the marriage, has at last been obtained, and the marriage, it is said, will soon be celebrated.

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