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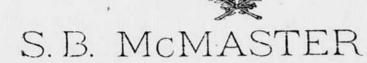
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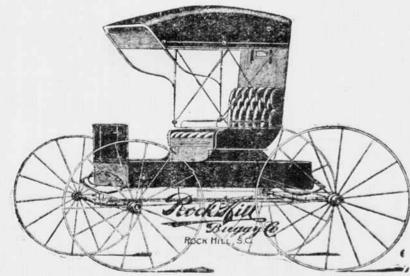
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Florence is annually the scene of a curious ceremony which dates from 82,000 the time of the crusades. As the gen-200,000 erally accepted tradition runs, Godfrey de Bouillon was accompaniel on his \$482,000 crusade by a young Florentine noble named Raniero, who was the first to plant a Christian banner on the walls of Jerusalem. Godfrey presented him in reward for his bravery with a lamp lighted from the sacred fire before the holy sepulcher. Raniero was forced to resort to many peculiar devices in order to preserve his holy relic intact. When the wind blew he turned in his saddle, with his face toward his horse's tail, wrapping his cloak around his precions burden, and often when passing through populous towns, where this strange attitude would have attracted unpleasant attention, he inclosed the flame in an iron ball, which he carelessly rolled before him with his foot Even then his actions caused comment, and people shook their heads as he passed by and called him "pazzo," or fool, whence came the family name of Pazzi, celebrated in Florentine his-

Arrived at leagth in his beloved town of Florence, he deposited his lamp in the little church of San Biagio. It is still kept burning and plays an important part in the following ceremony, which takes place before the cathedral

every Saturday before Easter: Shortly before noon a service is held in the baptistery, all the priests and high officials of the church in cere moulai robes participating. At the stroke of 12 the piazza is crowded with eager sightseers, mostly country people in holiday costume, with gay colored handkerchiefs over their heads. Every one is on the qui vive for the "carro," which soon comes lumbering around the corner, drawn by four enormous white oxen. Great bouquets of flowers are tied between their horns, which are gilded for the occasion.

The car is an antique affair, made of brown wood. The arms of the Pazzi its towering height creaks under the load of big firecrackers strung around it in festoons. The national colorsred, white and green-flutter in the breeze as it is placed just in front of the great door of the cathedral. The oxen are unyoked and led into a side

The doors of the baptistery fly open and a solemn procession enters the cathedral, where a light from the holy lamp of San Biagio has been placed on the altar. A wire has been stretched from the altar to a fuse on the car, and a curious mechanical dove, with another fuse in its mouth, lies waiting near the priest's hand. He pronounces a blessing over it, lights the fuse and sends it whirling along the wire straight to the car, where it sticks its bill among the fireworks for a moment and then triumphantly flies back

The firecrackers begin to bang with an energy that would do credit to the Fourth of July efforts of any small American. Around and around creeps the tiny flame, and a battery of reports like pistol shots follow in its track The peasants shrick with delight and scurry backward and forward to escape the bits of burning paper that fill the air. Boys dodge under one's elbows and push and wriggle through the crowd to get nearer the great sight Rables ory dogs bark the bells in Giotto's tower ring for the first time in three days, and clouds of frightened pigeons dash backward and forward. With an unexpected "fizzle" the sound suddenly dies away.

The peasants go on their way rejoicing. The weather has been fine. and the car has "burst" (the title of the car") to perfection, and there will consequently be a good harvest. The crowd disperses as if by magic, many following the car to the palace of the Pazzi, where a fresh supply of crackers is exploded in honor of Raniero and his descendants. By 1 o'clock the piazza is as tranquil as ever, with its omnibuses trundling through and San Biagio retires into his usual lethargy--New York Tribune.

A Poor Authority. Dan Wilson was once trying a case before a Missourl justice of the peace when the opposing counsel cited "Greenleaf on Evidence" so decidedly against him that a bold push must be made. Wilson asked him for the book. opened it, rose and, with a look of olenin surprise, said he was amazed that so good a lawyer should bring such a book as that into court, "Why," said he, "the author himself neve thought of its being used for authority in any case. Just hear what he says in the preface; Doubtless a happier se lection of these principles might be made, and the work might have been much better executed by another hand, for, now it is finished, I find it but an approximation toward what was original nally desired. But in the hope that it may still be found not useless as the germ of a better treatise it is submitted to the candor of a liberal professton.' Now," continued Wilson, "an author who admits that his work is as bad as this certainly never expected it to be brought into court to govern the opinions of a gentleman who has sat on the bench as your honor has for eighteen months." The justice was perfectly satisfied. He ruled the "authority" out as of no account whatever and gave his judgment for Wilson and his client.

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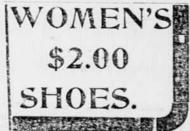
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among the lower aquatic anim indiscriminately blended with taste and in the touthed whale it. A fox in covert will run in and out among the

Generally speaking, sweet odors are more persistent than their opposite, the evaporating rapidly on exposure to the atmosphere, although the smell of de-caying animal matter is said to endure for days after the cause of it has been removed. The olfactory sense, however, usually becomes blunted in time when assailed continuously by any one odor. Workmen in big perfumeries become case hardened to the fragrance of their surroundings, and nose pain is fortunately even more deadening in its effects than most forms of physical suffering. Again, different smells do not mix. It is said that if two nostrils are stuffed with different substances we smell first one and then the other alternately, but never a blending of the two together. This is probably the case with the lower animals, too, and explains how foxhounds can pick out and follow the trail of a fox over ground that has been tainted by sheep or cattle. The writer personally has seen a pointer find birds successfully all one afternoon on the western prairies at a time the dog himself was so odoriferous owing to an unfortunate encounter with a skunk on the previous day that he was hardly approach-

Among human individuals the sense of smell, like those of sight and hearing, varies considerably, and certain persons seem to be quite unaffected by certain odors, just as others are "color blind" to certain colors or "tone dear" to the shrill call of a bat or the chirping of a cricket. Perhaps it is indicative of the manner in which we are discontinuing the use of our noses that there is no one word in the English language (such as "blindness" or "deafness") signifying the complete absence of the perception of smell, although the condition undoubtedly exists and is indeed not uncommon as a sequela of

It is true that we may claim a superiority to the brute creation in the range of our susceptibility to various odors, for the carnivora seem to be quite insensible to the scent of plants Candies and flowers, while the accept little attention to animal oders except the purpose of detecting the apfor the purpose of detecting the approach of enemies. But we are certainly inferior to them in acuteness, at all events we of the civilized races, although there seems to be no reason why this sense should not be cultivated and its efficiency re-enforced by deliberate training. This view is supported by the fact that men born deaf and dumb and blind have been known to develop their latent powers of smell to a pitch of perfection quite unintelligible to ordinary mortals. We use spectacles to assist the eyesight, ear trumpets and artificial ear drums to correct deafness; why should not science supply us with some handy instrument that would stimulate the olfactory fibers or magnify the potency of effluvia? There are many ways in which such an addition to our physical (and mental) equipment might be useful, for the nose has the one cardinal advantage over the eyes in that it is quite independent of light. After all, even the range of vision may be outdistanced by that of smell, if it be true, for instance, that the Spice islands of the Indian archipelago are to be distinguished far out at sea long before they have been sighted from the lookout. According to Humboldt the Peruvian Indians on the darkest night cannot only perceive the approach of a stranger while still far distant, but can even tell whether he is a negro or an Indian or a European. The Arabs of the desert are said to smell fire thirty or forty miles away. The Indian of North America certainly uses his nose in the pursuit of game, and Major General Baden-Powell strongly recommended the practice to white men in his treatise on scouting.

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