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During the first two years of our term of service the most rigid discipline was enforced. Sometimes we would be ordered to use extraordinary vigilance and to let no one enter the grounds of the White House without the proper passes and to be very particular as to who approached the president. Often the order would come for the guards on duty to be doubled. It was seldom that he knew the direct cause of these extra precautions, but we supposed that the officers of the secret service were in possession of information of some plot that brooded harm to the presi-

It was in the summer of 1864, while we were up at the home, that an incident happened that came very near humiliating us. It was just such an awful tragedy as followed only a few months later at Ford's theater. It was the custom of the president to remain late at the war department when anything of great importance was happening in the army, consulting with the secretary of war and transmitting and receiving dispatches, and after his work was finished he would ride out to the soldiers' home. That summer he had persistently refused an escort, imagining himself perfectly secure.

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"He came pretty near getting away with me didn't he? He took the bit in his teeth before I could draw the reins."

The next day I gave Mr. Lincoln his hat and returned attention to the bullet hole. I am strongly reminded that it was put there by some foolish gunner and was not intended for him. He said, however, that he wanted the matter kept quiet and he wished us to be careful.

The next fall we had taken up our winter quarters at the White House, a conspiracy to kidnap the president was unknowingly frustrated by the fact that he was in the White House at the time it doubtless would have created great excitement. Our quarters were immediately in front of the south porch of the Executive Mansion, and the White House was only a short distance from the treasury building on the east and the war and navy building on the west.

For reasons at the time unknown to us, we placed our quarters in the White House, and placed it at the west end of the gravel walk directly in the rear of the war department. While we stayed there nothing occurred to arouse suspicion, and we were not disturbed by anyone until that on the very night after we had moved the president the confederates had a plan laid to capture him. The conspirators were to hide in the shrubbery in front of the White House.

other episode took place, which afterward was found to have been planned by a band of assassins who made their headquarters in the Bourke, the veteran coachman, who had served at the White House through Pierce's and Buchanan's administrations and thus far into Lincoln's, was taken sick and compelled to be off duty.

Immediately a stranger, who represented himself as an experienced coachman from Baltimore applied at the White House and was employed as a substitute. From the first he was dominated by a man from the street who was an important personage in the city, and it was not long that he was discharged as Bourke's replacement.

The plot was to have this man fire the shot which would start the riot, thus making it impossible to trace the assassin and thus to distract our attention. During the excitement some of the conspirators were ready to rush into the White House and murder the president, but instead of remaining in the house Mr. Lincoln ran out among us and the result was in all probability frustrated another attempt to assassinate the president.

What makes this appear more likely now is the fact that, after the incendiary was arrested, he produced several witnesses, who later took employment at Ford's theater, to testify that he was down in the city during the whole of the evening. These were the persons who doubtless planned the final conspiracy that brought to this city the president.

Chicago—Peter Alex, a fruit dealer at 7252 Wentworth avenue, died in the squad room of the Fifth street station a short time after he had been found lying face down on the sidewalk, walk in front of 5001 South State street by Patrolman Michael Fitzgerald. Heart disease was given as the cause of his death. His body was taken to McHenry undertakers, where, when the coroner was notified, Alex was unable to make a coherent statement when found on the sidewalk, and the police was taken to the station for keeping a car in a fire lane. He sat down in a chair in the squad room the desk sergeant heard a fall and found him on the floor. He was taken to a desk and died. The police say he had suffered from heart

Chicago—Two hundred guests at the Revere house, North Clark street, were awakened last night by their rooms by fire in the building. They rushed to the lobby of the hotel, stopping only long enough to throw on their coats and hats, before the fire was in the loft above the elevator shaft. It was seen by Clarence Kelleher, who was on duty, and he rushed to the office, from where an alarm was reported. Hells and firemen were utilized at once to rouse the guests and to get them out of their rooms. In a few minutes it was apparent there was no danger of the building being burned.

John W. Gertrude, Ed. Johnson, 37 years old, appeared at the county clerk's office and asked for a license to marry John Burkhardt, it being his first marriage. He was told when she stated that she had been married once before and was divorced. The girl finally became complicated. He asked for a divorce from his first wife, who gave his consent and the license was issued. The girl's maiden name was Gertrude. She was divorced from her first husband, Johnson, in

(Chicago — Men's too high You fellows don't get any of this," were the last words of Goff Peller, uttered a few moments before he choked to death on a piece of steak. Peller, with three companions, was eating supper in a basement at 963 Milwaukee avenue. He had put the steak between two large slices of bread and had eaten nearly half of it when he choked. Dr. Y. Z. Zelowski was called, but arrived after Peller had died. Peller was 29 years

Duquoin - In a dream Mrs. Gotterich Hauer saw the body of her husband, who has been missing since New Year's day, lying at the bottom of an abandoned well. As soon as daylight came she aroused her neighbors and told them of the vision. The body was found in the well as she had dreamed. The well was uncovered and it is supposed that Hauer fell into it in the darkness.

Anna—Joe and Floyd Harding, aged 14 and 18, respectively, brothers of Miles, Ia., were arrested after confessing to having robbed a store in Ullin. The chief of police recovered \$100 worth of stolen articles.

Champaign.—The Illinois Live Stock Breeders' association took charge of the program of the Illinois Corn Growers and Stockmen's conven-

tion, which has been in session at the university the last ten days. The feature was the sale of Berkshire swine offered by 18 prominent swine breeders of Illinois. The prices ranged from \$39 to \$44.

Alpha, Martin Pierce, 12 years old and unmarried, was found dead in a barn loft four miles north of New Windsor. He had been shot, whether by himself or some other person is not known.

HIS PREPARATIONS LEADIN
TOPIC IN OMAHA—CALLERS AT
YOUNG MAN'S HEADQUAR-
TERS INTERVIEWED.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 3.—The most interesting feature of the enormous sale of the Cooper preparations, now going on in this city, is that the medicines are actually accomplishing among the people of Omaha.

At the commencement of his visit here Mr. Cooper prophesied that during the latter part of his stay he would receive a call from the people who came simply to thank him for what the preparations had done. He also stated that stomach trouble is the foundation for a great many diseases, and that his New Discovery, as it is called, would prove very effective in all cases of indigestion, simply by getting the stomach in order.

That this prophecy has been fulfilled cannot be doubted after a half-hour spent at the young man's headquarters listening to what his callers have

A reporter, who watched to ascertain, if possible, some light on the reasons for the immensity of Cooper's success, interviewed about twenty of his callers yesterday afternoon. The statements made by those seen indicate that physicians who claim that Cooper is merely a passing fad, have not looked into the facts.

Some of these statements were as follows:

W. J. Grant, a regular cigar dealer

at 508 South Sixteenth street, upon being questioned, said: "After a most remarkable experience with the Cooper remedies, I cannot refrain from saying that anyone who is suffering in any way from stomach trouble, and who does not give this Cooper medicine a trial, is passing up a golden opportunity."

"For three years I was troubled with my stomach, and what little I did eat gave me distress. Nothing tasted right. I felt weak and had nearly all the time. I was nervous and worried about many of the so-called maligned matters of small importance to me. I was worried about my health. I worried me. I treated with two different physicians, but received no benefit. I had almost reached the conclusion that medical science had not yet reached the point of restoring me to good health.

"However, a number of friends urged me to try Cooper's New Discovery, and they were so persistent that I finally took new hope and got a bottle of the Cooper medicine. After I had begun to take it I wondered why I had not taken it long ago. Its effect was marvelous—brought me right out. I regained my appetite, took on new strength—in fact, began to feel like a different man altogether. I would not have believed there was a medicine on earth that could do so

"Long and tedious hours of hard work, and continuous confinement in a small room, for months at a time, in a condition that has for many months made my life miserable. There was no need of my suffering in detail, for I am sure that you, who are a physician, would know the suffering to be endured, before being weakened and run down, and life began to be a drag. I was very far from expecting to receive the 'Cough' medicine, and I procured a bottle of the New Discovery preparation and began taking it. Relief came quickly, and in a short time I was able to get up and enjoy a splendid appetite, could eat anything I wanted with no ill effects, and all tasted good. My strength returned, and once more work became pleasant."

He has taken four bottles, and will continue its use until I am fully recovered, which I am confident will not take long. This is a remarkable preparation for any one who is 'all in' as a result of close confinement and overwork. I earnestly recommend it to anyone in this condition.

Other statements taken from those who had previously used the medicine seem to prove that Cooper's success throughout the country is genuine.

Money Needed for Good Work.
Twelve years ago, Massachusetts made the first appropriation for a state sanitarium. Since that time, over \$10,000,000 has been appropriated by state legislatures for the promotion of tuberculosis, and about an equal sum by municipal and county authorities. The federal government has over \$1,000,000 invested in tuberculosis hospitals, and spends annually about \$500,000 in their maintenance every year the percentage of appropriations made from public funds for

While private societies have led the way to the tuberculosis campaign, every effort has been made to have states, cities and counties do their share. A bulletin of the national association states that the final success of the anti-tuberculosis crusade depends on every city and state providing funds to treat and prevent con-

For Shame, Mr. Staggars.

"Our splendid cook left to-day and I had to take her place," said Mrs. Staggars. "I hope I shall be successful in imitating her."

"I certainly hope you will be successful in following in her footsteps," aggressively remarked old man Staggars as he chewed on a crisp-baked potato.

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