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These rare book swindlers are going to be rare birds.

As a popular pastime swimming is over for the present.

Feeding men on electricity seems a shocking innovation, doesn't it?

Football did its best, but it plays a sorry second to baseball in popularity.

"Quack" is the title of a new comedy. Probably all about human geese.

Under the newest ruling, some poets are born, and some are educated at West Point.

Berlin claims a talking cat. Wonder what serenades it selects for nightly rendition?

A lot of people do not recognize opportunity when they meet it because they expect it to look like luck.

The New York burglar who stole 10,000 nickels from a householder must be a movie fan of the worst sort.

United States government will provide foot powder for the shoes of soldiers. Watch the powder bills increase.

The German army will employ skis in maneuvers this winter. Not as picturesque as aeroplanes, but much more safe in case of a fall.

"How to treat an old man," is the way one editor heads his advice. He should include the cost of the said treating.

"What is a cook worth?" asks the Louisville Courier-Journal. It depends on whether she is plentiful or scarce.

A Chicagoan swallowed his false teeth. He need never again complain that he ate his food without thoroughly masticating it.

An English aviator has been fined for colliding with a cow. The cow should have been fined for disorderly conduct.

From a cursory reading of the crime news one would hardly think that there are only ten commandments to be broken.

Washington amateurs are to try out a minstrel performance in the government hospital for the insane. Nutty stunt, that.

China is to kill certain habitual smokers of opium and will fine others with a maximum of $2,000. This code itself suggests the notions of a smoker.

A La Crosse hen swallowed a $200 ruby. It would pay some interprising butcher to purchase it, mix it with a multitude of other hens, and auction them off.

The latest novelty in dresses has only two hooks. Cheers by the overworked husbands, tempered with the question as to how many buttons are thrown in for good measure.

Painted eyes are the latest fad in London. Years ago they were quite the thing here, not as a fad, but as a necessity. Eye artists are still to be found where black eyes be.

A Chicago school teacher set fire to a pupil's trousers by exploding matches in his back pocket while spanking him. Sounds suspiciously like a schoolboy trick, though.

Nicholas of Russia carries $5,000,000 in life insurance, but that doesn't make him any more safe from the attacks of nihilists.

Chicago has a pair of bandits—the man holds you up, and the woman goes through your pockets. It's a safe bet she's married.

An eastern professor has discovered red headed men seldom marry red headed women. Probably each understands the temper of the other.

A Philadelphian wants a divorce because his wife smokes ten cigars a day. If he were a resident of Pittsburgh we could understand it better.

Paris has produced a genius who has invented a shoe that looks only half its size. And the women shall call him blessed.

It has been proved conclusively that a young woman can support life on $7.20 a week in Philadelphia. All that now remains to be proved is that life is worth supporting at that figure.

You may, if you wish, pick up your grouches where you dropped them. But it is not compulsory.

The department of agriculture says that lightning may strike more than once in the same place. Usually, however, in the political sense, one stroke is amply sufficient.

Hoopskirts will be worn inside of five years, according to one student of the times. They will be, if the women can only be convinced that they are fashionable.

A Boston minister says that a couple can marry on $15 a week. But it's a weak means to an end.

A Pennsylvania judge says that a man who smokes in his wife's parlor is no better than a skunk. But supposing the man smokes in his own parlor.

Statistics show that Parisian widows remarry within eighteen months. They've nothing on us. Eighteen minutes is the customary lapse in Reno.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Uncle Sam's Aero Boat Experiments Are Watched

WASHINGTON.—Foreign governments have had their military and naval representatives in Washington watching the experiments that this government has been conducting at the Washington navy yard with the new catapult device for launching aeroplanes. The launching machine is the design of Capt. W. I. Chambers, in charge of aviation in the navy. It practically is a compressed air gun that shoots the aeroplane into the air so that it can be launched from a warship at any time and the catapult then stored below, out of the way.

Several tests of the device have been made, various hydro-aeroplanes being used. What was generally considered the supreme test was made the other day when the new aeroboat that has been built for the navy by Glenn Curtiss was shot into the air for a succesful flight with Lieut. Theodore Ellyson, the first of the navy aviators, at the helm.

The new boat is larger and heavier than any other hydro-aeroplane the government has used. It has a body like a light, fast powerboat, and seats two passengers side by side, with a double-control mechanism, so that either man can act as aviator. The boat is driven by an eighty-horse power motor, and is capable of a speed of fifty miles on the water and sixty miles in the air.

This launching device is the first that has been practical and successful from a navy standpoint. It was proved more than a year ago, when Eugene Ely flew from the scoutship Birmingham and afterward flew and alighted on the battleship Pennsylvania, that the aeroplane could be launched at sea. In both these cases, however, a special platform was built and extensive preparations were made for the flight.

The new catapult can be clamped to the top of a turret and the turret revolved to shoot the aeroplane into the teeth of the wind without even turning the wheel of the vessel. The device takes only half an hour to erect, and can be taken down and stored below in less time.

Lieutenant Ellyson has been the acrobatic aviator of the navy. He has been willing to try anything, and allowed himself to be shot from the catapult the first time it was used, when it was not known what effect the sudden shock would have on either the aeroplane or the aviator. He has been anxious to develop some practical form of aeroplane launching that could be used on a warship, and some months ago flew an aeroplane at Hammondsport off a steel cable which was stretched for an inclined launching way.

Spotted fever ticks in the two younger stages live almost wholly upon small native rodents, and the California ground squirrel has been infected with bubonic plague by fleas from rats. The danger that these diseases may become epidemic furnishes an additional important reason for the destruction of the animals.

The bureau reports that the antelope is in greater danger of extermination than any other kind of American big game, that there is great need for a suitable preserve in the antelope country, and that the buffalo on the national bison range have now increased to 81, or 44 more than the original number three years ago.

Postmen Cannot Loiter When Mike Is on Duty

CHARLES B. MATTHEWS, superintendent of carriers in the Washington postoffice, and the man who originated what is known as the "block" system of mail delivery, a system that has been copied all over the country, said today:

"One of the most intelligent and faithful asistants I have is Mike. Mike is a very humble sort of somebody, so humble, in fact, that he even hasn't any other name.

"Mike is just an old white horse, sound of body, clean of limb and brighter in his intelligence than many human beings that have been sent to me for service.

"He has spent about seven of his twenty-four years helping deliver the mail to the local hotels. He knows his route as well as any man who has ever served it. And, better still, he knows just how long it ought to take the carrier to deliver the mail for a given hotel.

"You can't fool him. When the hour for starting on his route comes and Ernest Miller, the carrier who owns him, in full uniform, gets in his seat, Mike looks first up and then down the street to see if his road is clear, being particularly careful to watch a little longer to see if an electric car is about to start on its way to Alexandria.

"Once started, he takes in each hotel in its turn. He will not permit the carrier who goes with him to stop on his way or loiter. If he tries to do so Mike simply walks on. So when he arrives at the hotel he allows time for the carrier to take the mail in and get back, and if he does not come back within that time Mike simply moves on to his next stop.

"Why, I can send the greenest sub in the office out with Mike and he won't go astray, if he knows how to read the labels on the mail sacks.

"He is never sick and has never lost an hour's time. When we are ready for him in the morning it takes two men to hitch him, he is so eager to get on his job. He never stands in a sleepy way like some horses. His eyes are always wide open and he seems to be always on the alert, but there is a conservatism and a dignity about him that makes me feel proud of him as a member of our delivery force."

Whites on Reservations Are as Dry as Poor Lo

WHITE men are not to be allowed to have "booze" while the Indian goes dry on Indian reservations. There is not to be one law for the red man and another for his white brother where they dwell together on the Indians' lands, the Indian bureau chief declares.

The white man can have readier access to the red ink that is really a writing fluid and which has proved palatable and exhilarating, according to the records, to those who need alcoholic excitement and find other sources dried up. And he may slake his acquired thirst from the mucilage bottle with greater facility perhaps. These and other devices have been known to the Indian while seeking ease for a parched throat.

But the white man on an Indian reservation from now on may not have whisky or other alcoholic beverage, either, for refreshment or to cure his ills or as a precaution against ailments, even on a physician's prescription, as long as the ban is on the Indian. The only intoxicant not under prohibition remains the wine intended solely for sacramental purposes, to be brought into the reservations under church authority.

Circular No. 695, Indian bureau, signed by Acting Commissioner F. H. Abbott and indorsed by the acting secretary of the interior, addressed to the superintendents of Indian schools and agencies, directs observance of the law in strict conformity with its letter. It also calls attention to irregularities in observance of the law that have come to the attention of the bureau.

Much Interest Being Shown in Muskrat Farming

ACCORDING to the annual report of the biological survey recently submitted to Secretary Wilson, the rearing of fur-bearing animals in the United States for their pelts continues to be a subject of much interest.

Skunks, muskrats, minks and foxes are reared in captivity or on preserves under control of breeders. The large prices asked for mature black foxes for breeding purposes have resulted in confining the industry in the hands of a very few. Comparatively few attempts have been made to raise minks in the United States, but experiments are being conducted in co-operation with the National Zoological park with a view to determining the most successful methods of rearing these animals. Muskrat farming has probably reached its highest point of development on the eastern shore of Maryland. Muskrat marshes are worth more, measured by their actual income, than cultivated farms of like acreage in the same vicinity. Only one other animal in the world, the European rabbit, exceeds the muskrat in the number of skins marketed.

The report also calls attention to the experiments for the extermination of prairie dogs, ground squirrels and gophers that are being conducted by means of poison baits, traps and other methods. It is a surprising fact that the daily forage of 32 adult prairie dogs equal that required for a sheep, and that 250 eat nearly as much as a cow.

Unexplainable.

Men who complain that women are not natural seldom lose their hearts to those who are.

Not Even Skin Deep.

Silly women complain that they are not understood. Woe would be theirs if they were.

GOOD ROADS

WILSON FAVORS GOOD ROADS

President-Elect Voices Belief in Wisdom of National Improvement by Means of Communication.

President-elect Wilson in many public addresses has voiced his belief in the wisdom of national improvement of means of communication, and particularly of roads, to which he specifically referred in his address at the American Road congress at Atlantic City, on that occasion saying among other things:

"A nation is bound together by its means of communication; and its means of communication create its thought.

"We must more and more engage the government in providing the general facilities of the common life. There is no breach in that of any of our older understandings of the functions of government. We have never doubted that the government had the right to supply these facilities which private endeavor has never been expected to supply. Therefore we are not upon a new ground of theory; we are merely upon a new ground of tactics.

"The question of highways is one of the few great instrumentalities of our public and our communal life with which the government is of necessity connected. I see that we must do what we have been backward in doing as compared with other nations.

"I tell you frankly my interest in good roads is not merely an interest in the pleasure of riding in automobiles. It is not merely an interest in the much more important matter of affording farmers of this country and residents in villages means of ready access to such neighboring markets as they need for economic benefit, but it is also the interest in weaving as complicated and elaborate a net of neighborhood and state and national opinion together as it is possible to weave. It is of the most fundamental importance that the United States should think in big pieces, should think together, should think ultimately as a whole, and I feel in my enthusiasm for good roads something of the old opposition that there always has been in me to any kind of sectional feeling.

An Improved Public Highway.

"I believe that it is the proper function of the government to see to it that the extension of all the varied modern knowledge about characteristics of different soils ought to be so extended, so carried everywhere to the farmer as to build up by the aid of the government this thing that feeds us, and ought to continue to feed the world, and whenever you speak of that, whenever you increase what the United States is doing, you must immediately increase the facilities of the United States for handling what it has made after it has made it. You cannot rationally increase the prosperity of this country, without increasing the road facilities of this country."

Working Dirt Roads.

There is a great waste of money on public highways. Why not use the common road drag on the country dirt roads? To allow, as is often done, an earth road to be cut up in a horrible manner, without the use of the drag in the proper time, then get hard and dry, only to be worn down by the feet of the teams and tires of the vehicles, is certainly the most extravagant method that could be pursued, says a writer in the Orange Judd Farmer. It requires weeks, or possibly months, to get them in proper shape again. Drag when slushy, use good judgment in operating and it will pay any community, whether the township pays for the work or not. Of course, there should be no difficulty to get pay.

Measure by Mudholes.

As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so a road is no better than its worst mudhole; you have to measure your load by that hole.

Protect the Horse.

It is expensive carelessness to hitch a warm horse inadequately protected from the raw winds or a drizzling rain. Blanket him when you hitch.

Easy to Clean.

The nest boxes, dropping boards coops and roosts should be movable so they can be easily cleaned.

Too Little Cultivation.

It is very seldom that an orchard is cultivated too much. The fault is usually in the other direction.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES WORTH READING

GENERAL SUMMARY OF HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

PUT INTO PARAGRAPH FORM

Everything of Importance That Has Occurred in the Past Week Has a Place in These Classified Items That Can Be Read at a Glance.

Washington

The house of representatives at Washington passed the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of $40,800,000.

Not only has the parcel post saved the people of the United States in the first 15 days of its existence more than $500,000, according to Senator Bourne, Jr., author of the law, but it has not proved a hardship to the overworked carriers.

Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, has received dispatches from Gen. E. Z. Steever, in command of the Mexican frontier, that the Mexican federals and the revolutionists are in a peace parley near Guadalupe, about thirty miles southeast of Juarez.

President Taft has refused to dismiss the criminal anti-trust suit against the so-called bath tub trust. He was requested by counsel for the defendants to terminate the proceedings on the ground that the combination had been dissolved.

Louisiana's congressional delegation caucused in Washington and unanimously indorsed Representative Rodenberg's proposal for a $2,000,000 appropriation for the government's participation in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Domestic

A petition urging the recall of Mayor James Fathers was filed in Janesville, Wis., under the provisions of the commission form of government laws. A similar petition was filed against Alderman Cummings.

Mayor Lew Shank of Indianapolis was arrested on a warrant charging he had defaced the public highway of Lawrence township by driving a heavily laden automobile over it. The mayor's chauffeur also was arrested.

Alexander Chambers, a mine owner of Newton, Pa., who disappeared January 10, has been found in San Diego, Cal. He says that he was drugged, taken to the Pacific coast while unconscious and robbed of $1,500.

Workmen engaged in removing a large hill on the estate of John D. Rockefeller at Pocantico Hills unearthed the skeletons of two women. The find was reported to the coroner and the bones were reburied.

Seattle's city council has adopted a plan for a municipal bank, which will receive individual deposits and invest them, with city funds, in state, county and city bonds. The project must be submitted to the voters for approval.

The New Jersey house of representatives ratified the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing congress to levy an income tax. Republican members opposed the passage of the bill.

James Hall, who was serving his third term in the penitentiary, was shot and killed by Guard Leff when the convict made a dash for freedom at Jefferson City, Mo.

The National Civic federation met in New York to consider a number of bills that have been drafted for submission to congress or to the legislatures of the states. The most important of the bills were those concerning industrial mediation.

Charles R. Heike, former secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, must serve a sentence of eight months' imprisonment and pay a fine of $5,000. The verdict of the lower court was sustained by the United States Supreme court.

John D. Huntington is under arrest at Los Angeles, Cal., on a charge of decamping with diamonds and money of women he had employed as private secretaries.

In a dispute over a business deal at Cynthiana, Ky., Harry L. Bailey, Republican nominee for congress from the Ninth district last fall, was shot and killed by Newton Arnold. Bailey is well known as a newspaper man in Kentucky.

Commissioner of Insurance Palmer has barred 17 of the world's largest fire insurance companies from doing business in Michigan. Every one of the 17 are declared by the commissioner to have broken the laws of the state.

Joseph R. Wilson of Nashville, newspaper man, and brother of President-elect Wilson, is a candidate for secretary of United States senate. Mr. Wilson's name will be presented to the Democratic caucus by Luke Lee, senator from Tennessee.

A New England railroad conference to be composed of two citizens from each of the six states was agreed upon as the first step toward a solution of New England's transportation problems at the conference of governors in Boston.

W. H. Shires of Hagerman was given a certificate of honor by Governor Colquitt for having the largest family reported in Texas. He is eighty years old, father of 26 children, all living, with 78 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. He has married twice.

Mrs. Helen Longstreet, widow of the famous Confederate general, came to the aid of her husband's Civil war foe, Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, who was arrested in New York, with an offer to raise $23,476 among the "ragged and maimed followers of Lee" to pay Sickles' alleged debt to the state of New York.

One of the treasured possessions of the late President McKinley—a solid gold plate bearing an invitation to a Knights Templar assembly in San Francisco—rests in the window of a New York pawnbroker's shop. It was sold for $700 by the president's niece, Mrs. Mabel McKinley Baer, and her husband, Dr. Hermanus Baer.

Practically nearly all of the 1,000 employes in the porcelain manufacturing plants of Trenton, N. J., quit work because the manufacturers declined a request that they meet with committees of recently organized unions to discuss demands of the employes for a 20 per cent. increase in wages and recognition of their unions.

Eighteen Princeton students were taken to Trenton, N. J., and in the capacity of strike breakers sang the morning and evening services at St. Michael's Episcopal church in the place of members of the regular choir, who had struck because they declared the rector interfered with them.

Nearly one-quarter of the banking resources of the United States, it is estimated, will be represented at the annual banquet of the Philadelphia Bankers' association, which will be held in Philadelphia.

The lost link in a chain of evidence on which to base a suit for a $10,000,000 tract now occupied by a part of the city of New Orleans is said to have been found in the discovery of the baptismal record of Joseph Valliere, an early French adventurer.

President Taft, speaking at the annual banquet of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association in Baltimore, defended the administration's attitude in the Panama canal disagreement with England, declared its position was not unpatriotic or dishonorable and said there was no reason for anyone to oppose the proposal for arbitration by an impartial tribunal.

The body of John Paul Jones, the "father of the American navy," after resting for more than a century in a foreign country, was consigned to its final resting place in the crypt of the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

Hearing of the case of a firm against 23 transcontinental railroads, asking equalization of freight rates so articles packed in pasteboard or fiber boxes may be shipped as cheaply as those packed in wooden containers, was begun before L. J. Flynn, special examiner for the commerce commission in Los Angeles, Cal.

Officials of the pure food board in Washington hold they have no authority to place government inspectors in Pacific coast packing houses to inspect citrus fruits before shipment, as requested by fruit men after prohibition of the sale of frozen citrus fruits.

Thirty-two bills in the interest of men and women workers will be recommended for passage in the New York legislature by the state factory investigating commission. One recommendation will be that working hours of women in canneries be limited to 60 hours a week. The commission proposed also to prohibit manufacture of food, dolls or dolls' clothing in tenement houses as factories.

Personal

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, was the heroine of a thrilling runaway when she risked her life by racing her mount through the streets of Washington in an effort to save Miss Martha Bowers from being dashed to death by the saddle horse she had been riding as a member of Miss Taft's party. As it was, Miss Bowers was thrown by her horse and severely injured.

Adolphus Davenport, sixty-nine years old, died suddenly when dancing at Springfield, Ill., in celebration of the anniversary of his birth.

Theodore Roosevelt delivered an address in the quiet of his library at Oyster Bay. It was heard, however, through individual telephones by 200 guests at a dinner in honor of James Shongut, a Progressive leader.

Politics

Senator A. B. Fall was chosen senator by the two houses of the New Mexico legislature.

Benjamin F. Tillman was elected by the South Carolina legislature for his fourth term as senator.

The New Jersey legislature elected former Congressman William Hughes, Democrat, United States senator to succeed Frank O. Briggs, Republican.

By vote of the two branches of the Kansas legislature William H. Thompson, Democrat, was named to succeed Charles Curtis, Republican, in the United States senate.

Senator Francis E. Warren, Republican, was re-elected by the Wyoming legislature, receiving 45 votes to 28 for John B. Kendrick, Democrat.

Judge W. M. Kavanaugh, president of the Southern Baseball league, was elected United States senator for the short term by the Arkansas legislature.

Foreign

Militant suffragettes attacked the British house of parliament as a result of the death of the franchise bill, broke windows in many stores and the home office building. Many arrests were made including Mrs. Drummond and Sylvia Pankhurst.

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SHE KNEW BETTER.

"Did your wife give you particular fits because you come home at 3 o'clock the other morning?"

"No, she didn't say a word. It's too near Christmas."

WHITE PIMPLES ON HEAD

Ransom, Ill.—"The trouble started on our baby when he was only about two weeks old. Started like little white pimples, looked like an old scab of blood and matter. His whole head was covered for a few months, then it went to his ear, shoulders, and his whole body. It seemed to come out thick and sticky on his head, while on the other parts of his body it was more like water coming out of the skin. He would scratch until the eruption would be all covered with blood and gradually spread. The least little stir or rub would cause the sores to bleed, spread and itch. Never had a full night's sleep, restless all night.

"The sores were horrid to look at. It lasted until he was about two and a half years old. Then we saw an eczema advertisement in the paper to use ——, but it did no good. Then we used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. We put the Cuticura Ointment on thick at bed time and put a tight hood on so he could not scratch the sores. Then we washed it clean with Cuticura Soap and warm water twice a day, and he was completely cured." (Signed) Mrs. E. F. Sulzberger, Dec. 30, 1911.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston." Adv.

What They Bought.

The teacher, after telling the Christmas story, was questioning the infant class.

"Now, who can tell me what the wise men brought to the baby Jesus?" she asked.

Six-year-old Alexander waved a chubby hand.

"I know, teacher! Gold an' Lincoln cents an' myrrh," he triumphantly exclaimed.

Almost Thrown Away.

"The fish I had from you yesterday wasn't fit to eat. I was obliged to give it to my servants!"—London Opinion.

Real Test.

Gabe—How do you tell a genuine diamond from a fake?

Steve—Try to hock it.

PAINFUL, TRYING TIMES

Housework is hard enough for a healthy woman. The wife who has a bad back, who is weak or tired all the time, finds her duties a heavy burden. Thousands of nervous, discouraged, sickly women have traced their troubles to sick kidneys—have found quick and thorough relief through using Doan's Kidney Pills. The painful, trying times of woman's life are more easier to bear if the kidneys are well.

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FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

THE BANKS OF CANADA

The closing of the year 1912 has brought out the usual bank statements accompanied by the addresses of the Presidents and General Managers of these institutions. Their reading is interesting as they show in a striking manner the prosperity of the country, and deal with economic matters in a first hand way. Those who know anything of Canadian banking methods know the stability of these institutions, and the high character of the men who are placed in charge. In discussing the land situation the President of the Union Bank of Canada, whose branches are to be found in all parts of the Canadian West, said:—

"A good deal has been said about speculation in land. The increase in land values has added enormously to the assets of Western business, and has to some extent formed a basis for extended credit, but this is not felt to be a drawback when the value is real and convertible. We consider that a business standing which is strengthened and enhanced by property holdings is entitled to a reasonable enlargement of credit for legitimate business operations."

It will thus be seen that the banks recognize the certain rise in the value of farm lands in Western Canada. When the facts are known of the wonderful producing qualities of farm lands in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, it is simple to understand the liberal stand taken by the banks.

Living not far from Lashburn, Sask., is a farmer named Clarke who in 1912 secured a crop of Marquis Wheat yielding 76 bushels per acre. This is spoken of as a record yield, and this is doubtless true, but several cases have been brought to notice where yields almost as large have been produced, and in different parts of the country. During the past year there have been reported many yields of from 35 to 45 bushels of wheat to the acre. Oats, too, were a successful crop, and so was the barley crop. Wheat that would yield 40 bushels per acre, would bring on the market 70c (a fair figure) per bushel, a gross return of $28.00 per acre. Allow $12.00 per acre (an outside figure) there would be a balance of $16.00 per acre net profit. This figure should satisfy anyone having land that cost less than $100.00 per acre. Very much less return than this proves satisfactory to those holding lands in Iowa and Illinois worth from $250 to $300 per acre.

The latest Government returns give an approximate estimate of four hundred thousand of an immigration to Canada during 1912. Of this number 200,000 will be from the United States. Most of these are of the farming class and it is not difficult to understand why farming lands in Canada will advance from ten to twenty per cent. within the next twelve months. Therefore investment in Western Canadian lands is not looked upon as being in the speculative class. Those fortunate enough to secure free homesteads in Canada will acquire in the intrinsic value of the land alone the best possible start for a splendid future. Advertisement.

The Smile.

The girl who smiles too much makes as great a mistake as she who smiles too little, for though she may be only actuated by an honest desire to please, she lays herself open to the charge of insincerity. A smile can transform a plain face into loveliness, but it only does this when it is the outcome of some special emotion, and not a mere aimless parting of the lips. "Smiling to order," or on any and every occasion, is fatal to charm, and should be carefully avoided.

No Indulgence.

Mrs. Alec Tweedie of the Eugenics Education society of London, said at a reception in New York:

"Eugenics will save the son from paying for the sins of his father. Eugenics shows us that there has been no escape heretofore from these penalties. In the matter of eugenics it is not as it was with Spence.

"'Let bygones be bygones,' Spence indulgently said to his old debts, as he started in to make some new ones."

His Childish Wish.

Here is an excerpt from Paul West's "Just Boy" letters, which reads like a clipping from the "Little Johnny" papers by Ambrose Bierce in the early volumes of the Argonaut: "I ast my father why ministers move so much and he said he guessed they was forced to on account of thare sons. I wish my father was a minnister."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Mrs. Austin's Bag Pancake, delicious light cakes for breakfast, all grocers. Adv.

No Hurry for That Vehicle.

A short-sighted old lady in a hurry to mount a tram car held up her umbrella and shouted to the driver of a passing vehicle, "Stop! Stop!" to which the driver replied, "Don't be in a hurry, mum; it ain't your turn yet." It was a hearse.

She Knows.

"You never thank a man for giving you a seat in a street car." "Not any more," replied Miss Cayenne. "I used to until I noticed that almost invariably he was going to get out at the next corner anyhow."

Certainly Not.

"Sir, are you opposed to votes for women?"

"Certainly not; but if women had the ballot, then suffragettes would want it, too."—Illinois Siren.

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Some of the best houses in the lake shore suburbs north of Chicago are built after this plan. Sometimes the large bedroom upstairs is divided to make two rooms and occasionally other minor changes are made, but this arrangement of rooms usually is rather closely adhered to in houses of this style and size.

There is a hall in the center wide enough for a handsome open stair, but, in this particular house you go upstairs backwards, that is, you go to the rear end of the hall and start up towards the front instead of going up from front to rear, as in the ordinary house. This brings the turn and the landing in the front end of the upper hall where a certain floor space may be utilized to advantage that is usually a puzzle to an architect. You all know of houses where the headroom over the front stair is completely wasted, sometimes worse than wasted because it is impossible to dress it up to look right. For that reason this backward front stair is an improvement.

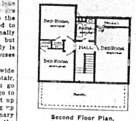
There also is an advantage in placing the big chimney at the rear of the hall. When the days are cold and dreary you get a nice bright cheerful glow from the grate fire emanating from what would otherwise be the darkest corner in the house, and this arrangement leaves the large living room free for the most artistic display of furniture. Such a fire place corner may be made into a very artistic lounging place and it offers a splendid wall space for a rather large set of book cases. Another advantage in putting the chimney well back is that you get the kitchen flue just where you want it, and the one chimney is sufficient for the heating plant, for the grate and for cooking purposes.

In selecting a wide house plan of this kind you must have a lot with at least fifty feet frontage. I have lately seen several mistakes where such houses have been built on narrower lots. The owners have not only spoiled their own property but have injured their neighbors. I would emphatically say if you haven't fifty feet of ground select a narrower house and get the necessary room by extending it further back. Where conditions are right, however, for a house of this kind it is almost certain to prove satisfactory.

It is a good-sized house, being 35 feet wide by 27 feet deep, and by this arrangement you get the floor space divided up into large rooms instead of having smaller rooms and more of them. In addition to the other advantages you get a very cozy dining room, pantry and kitchen connected as they should be by way of the pantry, fitted with one swinging door and one solid door that will shut tight when occasion requires it. The cellar stair goes down from the kitchen and is entirely separate and shut away from the main hall, a feature that a good many people particularly like.

The wide extension windows built out from the living room and dining room are new architectural features that have taken well with the public generally. There are different styles that vary somewhat in the size and shape of the sash, lights of glass and the height and width of the recess, but they generally conform to this design rather closely. Sometimes the sash are fitted solid in the frames so they cannot be opened. That is when a window seat is fitted under the window and the object is to prevent draft. And, by the way, if you want real comfort while reclining on the seat in this living room, in full view of the open fire, you must pay attention to the building of the box that forms the extension. You must superintend the outside boarding and the fitting of the building paper over the corners and around the joints at the edges of the window frames; and you must call to see the mason when he gets ready to do the plastering.

It is not a cheap house to build because, although it looks plain it will take considerable material and it requires everything of the best in a house of this size and shape but skilled hands is likely to look when finished. On the other hand when built by experts, unhampered by inadequate appropriation, it will be an ornament to the street and a credit to its owner.



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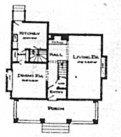


First Floor Plan.

IS THE AGE OF "SOCIETIES"

For Every Purpose Under Heaven People Have Banded Themselves Together.

Who can deny that this is pre-eminently the age of combinations and "societies?" There is a society, with a capital S, for every purpose under the heaven. Yes, verily, a society to kill and a society to heal, a society to mourn and a society to dance, a society for war and a society for peace, a society for noise and a society for the suppression of noise, a society for giving and, at last, a society for the preventing of giving.

Is it not almost time to pause in our mad career of organization and to ask ourselves: What next? Whither and wherefore? Forsooth, can we not suppress superfluous noises without making so much noise about it? And is it absolutely necessary to pay useless dues in order to prevent useless giving?

Fellow-sufferers, let us be up and doing! There is but one way out of this intolerable situation. Perhaps you have guessed it already. Let us organize one more society. This is to be the greatest, most far-reaching, and final achievement of this age of marvelous achievements. Let us form a society for the prevention and suppression of useless societies.

Henceforth let Spasus be the great battle cry of humanity! Then shall we live happily forever after. Selah!

Knew Where to Go.

The schoolmaster wanted to know whether the boys had an understanding of the functions of a British consulate. "Supposing," he began, framing his question on the likeliest way to arouse the interest of his hearers, "supposing some one took you up in an aeroplane, and after a long, exciting flight dropped you down thousands of miles from home in a country quite foreign, what place would you seek out first of all?"

An eager hand was instantly uplifted.

"Well, Willie, what do you say?"

"Please, sir, the hospital."—Weekly Telegraph.

Mercenary Husband.

A society affair was to be given in which private theatricals were the most interesting feature.

Mrs. Van Clewa, a stage-struck young society woman, was to appear and was, in consequence, very enthusiastic over the affair.

"Do you know, Wilfred," she said to her husband, "I scarcely know what to do. The part I am to take calls for me to appear in tights, and I don't like the idea of doing it. What do you suppose people will say?"

Wilfred gazed at his wife's figure in silence for a moment, and then said:

"They will all say that I married you for your money."—Exchange.

Sea Paradox.

"There is one queer thing about a vessel."

"What's that?"

"When she's tied up she can't make knots."

His Business.

"It is a wonder that photographers ever succeed in business."

"Why is it a wonder?"

"Because they take everybody who comes along at his face value."

THE KITCHEN CABINET

NO TALENT will enable us to do any work without drudgery, but no childishness must tempt us to give it up because it is hard. No work can be well done by any one who is unwilling to sacrifice ease to its accomplishment.

WINTER DINNERS.

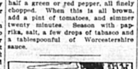
For those who prepare their own salt pork, and it is sweet and good-flavored, there is no dish that is more appetizing on a cold winter day than baked potatoes with fried side pork. Make a gravy with some of the fat, adding flour and milk, and salt, if necessary.

A good fish dinner may be prepared with dry salt codfish. Shred a half pound, or more, according to the size of the family, and parboil it in water to cover. Fry three or four slices of fat salt pork cut in small cubes until brown, then add three sliced onions and twice as many sliced potatoes. Cover with water and cook until the vegetables are tender. Add a quart of milk and a dozen milk crackers that have been scalded with boiling water, the codfish and any seasoning needed. Serve as any soup.

Spanish Steak.—Take two pounds of round steak, cut in inch squares; on each square place a slice of breakfast bacon, roll and secure with a toothpick. Place meat rolls in a saucepan; cover with boiling water, add a chopped onion, three carrots sliced thin, a pint of tomatoes, one tablespoonful of salt, a half teaspoonful of pepper and cook one and a fourth hours. Serve hot.

Prune Salad.—This is a quite unusual, and very good. Soak a half pound of prunes over night, and then simmer until tender. When cool pit them and stuff with walnut meats. Shred a bunch of lettuce, make nests and on each place four or five stuffed prunes. Cover with mayonnaise, and serve.

Spanish Sauce.—This is a delicious sauce to use with cold roast beef, fried veal, lamb chops, in fact, with any kind of meat or fish: Put into a sauce pan two tablespoonfuls of butter, one of olive oil, a few dashes of salt, one onion, a clove of garlic, half a green or red pepper, all finely chopped. When this is all brown, add a pint of tomatoes, and simmer twenty minutes. Season with paprika, salt, a few drops of tabasco and a tablespoonful of Worcestershire sauce.



A GENEROUS supply of vegetables and fruits are of the greatest importance for the normal development of the body and of all its functions. —Sherman.

APPLE POSSIBILITIES.

Apples with the rich, red skin may be cooked to make a most beautiful dish. Core, but do not peel, cook gently in a little boiling water until the peel cracks and can be carefully removed, scraping out the inner red coloring and painting it back on the cheek of the apple. Pour around a thick sirup of sugar and water and simmer until the apple is cooked. Serve with sweetened whipped cream. These are called Blushing Apples.

Apple Trifle.—Place a thick layer of apple sauce in the bottom of a dish, add sugar and lemon rind to taste. Mix a pint of milk, the yolk of an egg. Cook until a smooth custard is formed; add a little sugar and nutmeg and chill and pour over the apple. Whip a cup of cream and serve.

Apples and Almonds.—Core and peel some good flavored apples which will cook tender without losing their shape. Cook in boiling water until tender enough to pierce with blanched, quartered almonds. Decorate thickly with the almonds until the apple resembles a porcupine. Place them in a baking dish and pour around them a thick sirup made with the water they were cooked in and sugar. Cook until soft but not broken, in the oven. Remove, sprinkle with powdered sugar and chill. Serve with whipped cream, sweetened.

A slice of a pretty red apple, unpeeled, to hold fruit salad, if a pretty way of adding variety to one's table.

Apples cored and fried in a little fat, sprinkled with sugar to give them a rich brown and used as a garnish around a platter of fried sausages, is another way of serving apples.

Apple sauce, a cupful used in a cake in place of egg, makes a very moist, nice spicy cake which will keep moist a long time.

Nellie Maxwell.

Asbestos.

Asbestos is a mineral of a fine fibrous character, the fibers being easily separated, elastic, flexible, and of a whitish-gray color. It is composed chiefly of silica, lime, magnesia, and oxyde of iron. The ancients converted it into a kind of cloth, in which they wrapped the bodies of their dead, while preparing them for the funeral pile; the cloth being indestructible by fire, enabled them to preserve the ashes. Asbestos is found more abundantly in Corsica than in any other locality.

His Case Exceptional.

"Who's the thin little man with the melancholy expression?" "That's Hummer, the poet, who wrote the beautiful verses with the refrain, 'Life is what you make it, you can make it glad.' He suffers from chronic dyspepsia."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Definition.

"What is a vegetarian?" asked little Tommy of his cynical uncle, who replied: "A vegetarian, my boy, is a man who has forgotten that all flesh is as grass."—New York Evening Post.

Practical Fashions

LADY'S COAT.

5961

Here is one of the handsomest coat models of the season, and one that is not in the least difficult to carry out. It has a large collar which may be made of lace over satin as suggested by the drawing, of self material, or of any wanted contrasting fabric. The edging of fur is a clever touch. The coat fastens with a single braid and jet ornament. Velvet, satin, serge or any desired woolen material may be used.

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MISSES' DRESS.

5958

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Eating Sunflower Seeds.

Sunflower seed eating is the favorite holiday pastime of the Spanish Hebrews of the Levant. The kernel of the seed, which is about as large as a grain of rice, has a nutty, oily flavor, somewhat similar to raw peanuts. On Saturday, after synagogue, Hebrews all over the Orient are to be seen munching the sunflower seeds with gusto. The wealthier classes substitute the salted pistachio for the sunflower seed.

Dickens Most Widely Known.

If it be true to say of any author that everybody has read him, that author is Dickens. He is more of a national institution today than Shakespeare, whose works, praised and perverted, explained and darkened, by an amazing mass of commentators today, are not, in our experience, really known to the average reader.—London Athenaeum.

VERY IMPORTANT ROOM

KITCHEN DESERVES ATTENTION BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE.

If Necessary to Stint, Let It Be Anywhere But There—Too Frequently Most Unsanitary Corner of the House.

A writer on hygiene has said that "the modern kitchen is a refinery, a laboratory and disinfection station and a factory."

If so, it is important to run it on hygienic lines; in many homes it is the unsanitary corner of the house.

With the kitchenette habit less and less attention is paid to sunlight; instead of being the cheeriest room in the house, the kitchen is often the darkest and worst ventilated.

While it is not always possible to get the ideal kitchen, the woman who rents a house should see that it is not shaded by balconies, that the range is not in some dark alcove where light and air never reach, and that the sink has proper drainage and is free from backboards where grease can lodge.

In building a house stint on woodwork and furnishings rather than on the kitchen. It should be built with at least two windows, preferably so there may be a cross draught, and a third small window above the range to give light and let odors escape.

Rounded corners, paneled walls and tiled floors make ideal furnishings for a kitchen, as dust and germs have fewer lurking places. If that is beyond one's means, have a hard plaster wall and flush with wide, tight-fitting baseboard, and give all a coat of light-colored paint once a year. Have the paint enameled, so it may be washed frequently. A hardwood floor is nearly as costly as a tiled one, so the average householder must fall back on linoleum. It pays to get the best quality.

Do not stint on your sink. Delay building if you must put in a wood and zinc abomination, which breeds all sorts of germs. Solid porcelain is the first choice, next best is porcelain-lined with tile backing, but even cast-iron is better than wood.

The sanitary sink is open all around to light and air, has a continuous tiled backing, with no crevices for dirt, and the waste pipes must run separate from the soil pipes clear to the house drain. At the right side have a draining board, and another at the left, even if it must be hinged for lack of space.

Above the backboard of the sink have a shelf or rod full of hooks and a bit higher build in a closet a little wider than the sink and six inches deep. Here can be stored disinfectants, polishing materials, cloths, vegetable brushes, all the things so important to a germ-free kitchen; yet often neglected because they are not "handy."

Utilize the wall space near the range with shelves and hooks, where can be stored some of the pots, pans, ladles and seasonings always needed in cooking. If there is a corner for a hanging clock there will be less guessing in cooking. Also have a nail where "lifters" may be fastened by an elastic hanger—it is a big saving on tea towels.

Every woman should insist upon supervising the kitchen closet or dresser. In a small room space is saved by putting this in a corner. It may have a flat table surface, with shelves above reaching to the ceiling and below zinc-lined bins to hold sugar and flour at each side. Between the bins, which should be quite narrow and open like a drawer, have a closet for pots and pans.

Wooden Aid.

You will find nothing more helpful of its size, when you are sewing on the machine, than a good toothpick, says a contributor to Needlecraft. For turning corners, in stitching a hem, starting a heavy seam under the presser-foot, or keeping the material in place when you have a bit of intricate sewing, it is really invaluable, saving a great deal of basting; once used, you will never be without this little helper.

Orange Cake.

One-half cup butter, one cup sugar, two eggs, one-half cup milk, two cups flour, one-half teaspoon soda, one teaspoon cream tartar, rind of one orange; mix in the order given; bake in two pans; put the grated rind of the orange in the cake, stir powdered sugar into the orange juice until quite thick and spread it between the cakes when cold.

Queen of Puddings.

Use crumbs from stale sponge cake baking them in a custard made of a large cup of milk, one-half cup of sugar, and three well beaten yolks of eggs. It will take twenty minutes to bake. Cover with a layer of preserves or jelly and then frost with the whites of eggs beaten stiff with three tablespoons of sugar. Set in the oven long enough to color slightly.

Southern Apple Pone.

Peel and core a dozen tart apples. Scald a quart of milk, then a quart of Indian meal, mixing and cooking carefully for several minutes. Add one teaspoonful of salt, one cupful of molasses and the same amount of chopped suet, pour this over the apples arranged in a buttered baking dish. Bake a couple of hours.

Pillow Squares.

One can get beautiful silk velvet and tapestry squares appropriate for sofa-pillow covers in the big wholesale and retail upholstery shops. There are lovely ones from a dollar up, ends of pieces that they are glad to dispose of at greatly reduced prices. They would make very acceptable gifts if the colors are carefully selected.—Harper's Bazar.

Breaded Sausage.

Wipe dry one pound of "little pig" sausage. Brown a cupful of breadcrumbs in the oven and beat one egg with a teaspoonful of cold water. Dip the sausages into the egg, then into the breadcrumbs; place them in a frying basket and plunge it into boiling fat. Cook for ten minutes and serve with a garnish of toasted bread points.

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