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The most important legislation on this subject has been for the creation of the forest reserves. These reserves now contain 60,175,705 acres, of which 13,765,556 acres have been added within the last year. The scientific management and control of this vast area will afford ample opportunity for the energies of the officers in charge. Forests should not be reserved from the use of man, but for his use. The ripe or matured trees should be marketed and the growing timber carefully preserved. Instead of the indiscriminate destruction of all trees, large and small, the marketable ones should be so cut and removed as to leave the young forest the freest and fullest opportunity for rapid growth. These reserves, declares the Hon. John F. Lacey, writing in Gunton's magazine, should be more than self-supporting. They should yield a revenue over and above the expense of their care. Such grazing should be permitted as can be done without detriment to the purposes of the reserve. Under wise and prudent forestry there is no waste. Ripened trees are removed and leave space for the younger growth. In natural conditions individual trees die and are replaced by others. But when our national forests are rightly administered each year will yield its supply of farming timber for the use of the people. Forestry is tree farming on a grand scale. It is no idle dream, but we may reasonably hope that in the future the nation's woods will not only protect the permanence and purity of the water supply, but will in a large degree supply the needs of the people for timber products.

A California philosopher thinks he has found a way to abolish cowardice. It is beautifully simple. Here is the formula: (1) Say to yourself: 'I'm not afraid.' (2) Repeat it five times. (3) Take five full breaths very slowly. What a world of possibilities there are in this brief formula! How great the practical benefit it will confer on mankind! Here comes a mad bull down the street, says the New York Post, by way of illustration. He sees your red necktie and makes for it. Run away? No, no. 'I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid. Inhale. Exhale. Inhale. Exhale.' etc. It puts you in an excellently courageous frame of mind, doubtless, but how about the bull? Does the new courage which glows from your eye frighten him so that he turns tail and retreats? Or does it render you immune from hurt by his horns? You must be a pretty brave man, to begin with, or you would not have the nerve to go through the incantation while the big animal rushes at you with intent to do great bodily harm. Then consider the use of the new discovery in warfare. It will doubtless become a part of the regular tactics of every army. The enemy comes over the hill. 'Order arms. Parade rest. Get courage. One. Two. Three. Four. Five. In. Out. In. Out.' etc. The army, of course, responds to the numbers with 'I'm not afraid,' in chorus. If nothing else, it makes an excellent shout of defiance to the enemy, almost as effective as the gongs and tom-toms beaten by the vanguard of the Chinese army.

Estates in Europe are lying about loose, wanting the rightful heirs to come and claim them, to judge by the circulars that periodically are scattered about the country. The plan of this swindle is that of writing to a distant man (or woman) and telling him (or her) that some relative or person of the same name has recently died, leaving considerable property, and that the operator has strong reason to believe that the person addressed is entitled to quite a slice of the estate and the five dollars, or ten dollars, or twenty dollars will pay the said operator, who claims, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, to be an "attorney at law," for looking up the matter. These swindlers catch a good many dollars, for the dodge is a shrewd one, and many quite sensible people are caught by it. The million people, more or less, who are looking for fortune from some de-

ceased relative in Europe, and spending their money in advertisements and agencies, would be far more likely of success in life if they eschewed these hopes and followed their honest callings. We have heard a great deal about expected fortunes from wealthy deceased relatives abroad, but cannot recall a single instance where anything substantial was ever received. Estates don't go begging in Europe. There is some one on the spot taking care of any apparently stray one. Proving distant relationship is sometimes a difficult task. Soldiers who bear the marks of wounds often have trouble to prove disability in their efforts to get pensions.

Cap'n Leezur's test of a girl's fitness for matrimony, it will be remembered, was to note whether she left any bones in the picked-up codfish. There are other tests. The Buffalo Commercial remarks of them: "We have heard of the test of a boy's capacity to understand the conditions of success in this hustling age suggested by the trust magnate. He requested two boys who applied for a place in his office to show him the best way of opening a package. One had picked out the knot, coiled the string, folded and put away the paper. The other cut the string and chucked paper and string in the waste basket. 'You're the boy for me,' said the magnate. 'We can't waste time untying knots here.' And now we have the lead pencil test. A Chicago merchant says he relies on the lead pencil test in selecting employes: 'One day while an applicant for a place stood before me I asked him to lend me his pencil. He produced one so neatly sharpened at both ends that I gave him a second glance, and saw that his appearance, though his clothing was not new, accorded with the exactness shown in the neat, sharp pencil points. I engaged him, and to-day he is the assistant manager of our store.' The incident gave the merchant an idea. He made a point of asking applicants to lend him a pencil. He found that men who kept about them well sharpened pencils were, as a rule, good mathematicians, were handy with their pen, wrote a good hand, were neat in their habits, and were otherwise superior to the other fellows, whose pencils were stubby, chewed at the end, blunt, etc."

Texas is such a big state, with such a various climate, that almost anything from a cocoon to cabbage can be grown within its borders. Along the gulf coast experiments are being made with many plants and trees indigenous to the tropics. Secretary Wilson believed that tea could be grown there as well as in China, and recent experiments have proved his ideas correct. Figs are also grown successfully along the coast, and in some places the culture of silk worms is shown to be profitable. Texas can also raise any kind of live stock and produce as good ones as any state in the union.

With a production of 16,329,905 barrels of flour in the year just closed, Minneapolis passed every previous record, the output running 407,905 barrels in excess of the product of 1901, which held the record. To make this quantity of flour, the Minneapolis mills consumed each day an average of 190,000 bushels of wheat and for the year consumed a total of 70,400,000 bushels.

Senator E. B. Hawkins, of Minnesota, has offered a bill in the legislature of that state declaring the dropping of bogus nickels into slot machines a swindle and punishing the offender under the law applying to larceny.

The sultan of Jolo is dead. He was a kind and indulgent husband; at least he indulged in as many wives as he could afford.

A biography of Andrew Carnegie will be published, and if it is accurate it will look like a report of the treasury department.

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