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No two papers seem to agree on the price of radium. One has it quoted at \$9,000,000 a pound and another at \$5,000 an ounce.

Highwaymen in Brooklyn who robbed a drunken man of 65 cents got a sentence of seven years.

A western university professor predicts that the population of the United States will soon overtake the food supply.

A resident of New York, who died the other day, founded in 1854 the Holy Name Society of the Roman Catholic Church.

Prof. Oser is to be congratulated on having reached his sixtieth birthday, not only hale and useful, but unconcerned over the weird windings of the Oser legend.

Secretary Wilson returned from a recent western trip with the conviction that his previous explanation of the upward trend of food prices is sound.

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proved machinery employed here. Those who regard this theory as inadequate and who think that monopoly is not without considerable responsibility for the high prices of food-stuffs must admit that the scarcity of agricultural labor is a fact, and as such it at least partially accounts for the phenomenon in question.

SOME MARRIED MEDITATIONS. By Clarence L. Cullen.

When a woman looks just right in a bathing suit it's a sign that all the other women call her a bold, brazen creature.

The man who can't swim, but whose wife can, has to stand for a lot of patronizing by his spouse during the bathing months.

The woman who looks the most loquacious and specious in a motor car usually is the woman who is the least accustomed to such vehicles.

Familiar quotation: "Now, I warn you—if you go out this evening without taking me, you won't find me here when you come back. Mark my words, sir!"

There are slews of pretty and agreeable trained nurses, but the only time a married man draws one is when he gets sick away from home and picks his own nurse.

The only way to get even with her for squirming and wriggling when you're hooking up the back is to pull that squirming number yourself when she's trying your dress tie.

The woman who keeps her hair in "kicks" nearly all day Sunday can't understand why her husband is so chummy and so anxious to go somewhere—anywhere—on his day of rest.

One of those serio-comic effects is when a woman, unconscious of an unhooked back pocket, haughtily turns her back upon a rival and then looks stunned and puzzled when she hears the giggles behind her.

The woman who harps the most upon the swell matrimonial chances she tossed away to marry the man whose name she bears is the one who runs around in tantrumish circles if her husband even accidentally lets slip the name of some girl he knew before his marriage.

REVIVAL OF STENCILING. Adaptation of Straw Matting to This Style of Decoration.

Never has Japanese matting been in such popular favor for decorating and house furnishing articles as during the present season, the Boston Post says.

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Porch floor cushions are equally attractive made from matting and bound together with raffa and decorated with a stencil design.

Screens filled with stenciled matting always look cool and inviting. Lamp and candle shades of stenciled matting bound with raffa are also very popular for summer use.

Utility boxes, chair seats and tables covered with matting are also receiving their share of stencil adornment.

A screen of green matting filled with white matting, decorated with flights of brilliant-headed butterflies and "darning needles" the wasp-like insect which our parents often threatened on would sew up our childish lips for acts of naughtiness—was recently the storm center of admiration in an exhibit of arts and crafts.

The work is fascinating, the effect charming and the cost next to nothing. Enough said.

A Mollifying Omission. "Here is an eastern humorist who gets off the decrepit old gag about raising chickens in the hatchway of a vessel."

"Wow, is that so? Lemme see it. Oh, well, we'll have to forgive him this time."

"He's left out the egg scream—where the ship 'lays to,' you know."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cape Cod's Gales Tell. On the shores of Cape Cod there were, during a period of twenty years following 1881, as many as a thousand wrecks of vessels carrying precious cargoes of human beings and of freight.

VAST TREASURE IN WRECKED VESSELS OF INLAND SEAS.



In twenty years—between 1878 and 1898—4,000 vessels were wrecked on the inland seas, marine records show. The loss of cargo in this period of less than one-fourth of the years of navigation on the lakes was \$8,000,000.

String these sunken vessels with their hidden treasures over the 1,000-mile course from Buffalo to Duluth, and there would be one every half mile.

EARLY LETTER ON THE UNION.

Dr. Rush feared a too quick peace with England would be harmful. One of the finest specimens of letters in a recent sale of autographs by Stan V. Heakels in Philadelphia, was written on April 15, 1782, by Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the declaration of independence, to Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, says the New York Times.

Dr. Rush was physician-general of the revolutionary army also. He practiced his profession in Philadelphia and during the yellow fever epidemic there in 1783 he treated it successfully and it has been estimated that he saved from death no less than 6,000 persons.

He was a firm supporter of the federal constitution and his letter is chiefly about that subject. He says: "It is true France has done wonders for us. But may not even this have a beneficial effect on our country hereafter. It seems intended by heaven to teach us the necessity of a perpetual union and confederation. If the combined force of all the States was unequal to the power of Britain, what can be expected from the spirit or resources of any one of them? I am so perfectly satisfied that the future peace, safety, freedom of America depend upon our union that I view the debt of our country with pleasure, especially that part of it we owe to ourselves."

Our danger at present arises principally from two causes. First, a too speedy peace with Britain, and, second, from Britain's acknowledging our independence. I wish the first may be deferred till a naval war has given us as many fleets and admirals as a land war has given us armies and generals. The last event would unnerve the resentments of America and introduce among us all the consequences of English habits and manners with English manufactures. To prevent this and enable us to transmit our feeling to posterity, I wish Britain for fifty years to come may continue in all her acts of government to call us 'rebels' and 'deluded subjects.' We stand in need of all the follies and vices of our enemies to give us a national character."

On Sept. 23, 1783, the definitive treaty of peace was signed, by which the independence of the thirteen United States was acknowledged by Great Britain. It was not, however, until after Jay's treaty in 1794 that this original treaty of peace was fully executed by Great Britain.

Dr. Rush's letter sold for \$50.

We Had Seen a Few. The senior partner of the dry goods establishment was freeing his mind concerning the styles of head gear that had come under his observation. "The fashions in hats this season," he said, "are absolutely the worst and most unbecoming I have ever seen in an experience of more than forty years."

"Oh, I don't know," said the junior partner, who was more tolerant. "They have the charm of novelty, at any rate."

"The 'charm' of novelty!" exclaimed the other. "Tom, have you seen anything new in this spring's styles that you can honestly say you admire?"

"Yes, I think I have," heartily answered the junior partner. "I'd like to know what!"

"Why, the girls."

The Wanderer of Exhibitions. It was left for the exhibitor of a photograph in the streets of Utrecht, according to an American traveler, to put the finishing touch to the wonderful invention.

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A CANAL CARRIED ACROSS A CANAL IN A TANK.



The Manchester ship canal, a remarkable feat of engineering, presents, perhaps, no more curious feature than the Barton aqueduct, which is here illustrated. By means of this the old Bridgewater canal is carried across the more modern ship canal. The aqueduct, which weighs 14,000 tons, has a water-tight gate at either end. These gates are closed when it is necessary to make way for a vessel on the canal below, and the aqueduct is swung aside on a pivot, the water on its top being held, as it were, in a tank, two walls of which are formed by the water-tight gates. The Manchester ship canal, which gives access for sea-going vessels, was begun in 1827, and was opened on the first day of 1834. It starts at Eastham, on the left bank of the Mersey estuary, some four miles above Birkenhead. It has a breadth of 123 feet at the surface and 120 feet at the bottom, and a depth of twenty-six feet. That is being increased by two feet.

BIRD CASTLES IN THE ROCKS.

Ten Thousand Birds Live Upon a Rock on the Magdalena Islands. To see the other rock-dwellers we must go on farther to the north. From the Magdalena to the most northern lands one will meet the precipitous islands and headlands tenanted by the hardy seabirds which delight in sheer heights such as turn men dizzy. Great Bird Rock, of the turbulent Gulf of St. Lawrence, is the most accessible from civilization of any of the colonies of this sort, says Herbert K. Job, in Outing. It almost seems like a mockery, though, to apply to it the term "accessible." It is a question of degree, for even this is remote and hard to reach at its best.

Yet such a place as Great Bird Rock is one of the seven wonders of the world. If any one who truly loves wild nature desires a real and unique thrill, by all means he or she should somehow visit Great Bird Rock. It towers from a stormy, fog-begirt ocean, lonely, buffeted on every side, exposing its towering cliffs to the almost unremitted assaults of the elements.

It has been my good fortune twice to visit this great castle of birds. The first time we went in a schooner of goodly size, were left on the rock, and called for two days later. The next time, four years after, the vessel failed to keep the appointment, and, rather than give it up, we watched our chance and ran out from the Magdalena in an open lobster boat. We were hurried ashore by the surf on the one bit of rocky beach under the cliff. Hurriedly hitching on the steam-winch tackle, we had the boat hoisted out of danger, and scrambled up the long ladder 110 feet to the summit, where we were loyally cared for by the keeper and his family, who had received but one visitor since the previous November.

On the sheer walls of this precipitous island, on the many ledges, live some ten thousand sea birds. The sights are impressive beyond the power of any words adequately to describe. From below, as we approach in the boat, we gaze upward with awe at the circling swarm of the birds, note the rows and companies upon the ledges, listen to the screams of the birds and the din of the surf which pounds away ceaselessly at the cliff. Our boat is plunging, in every thing there is motion, the height of the rocky wall is appalling, and the very universe seems to reel and stagger. And when, either by climbing the ladder or being hoisted up by the steam winch, we gain the summit and look down, the scene is equally impressive. From some promontory of the cliff we gaze down upon hosts of birds upon their eggs. Some of the eggs we can see as the owners launch forth and scale swiftly downward and circle over the ocean to join the ever-circling throng.

The Force of Habit. One of the campers had done some thing peculiarly idiotic, and the dean said, "Dick reminds me of Thomas colt."

"What about Thomas' colt?" asked Dick, cheerfully.

"Why," the dean responded readily, "where I lived in Maine when I was a boy an old man named Thomas raised horses. He once put out to pasture a colt, which had been fed from its birth in a box stall and watered at the trough in the yard."

"The pasture lay across a small river, and in the middle of the day the colt swam the stream to go up to the barnyard for a drink of water."

Hubby, What! You paid \$50 for that Easter hat! It's monstrous—it's a sin!

Wife (sweetly)—No matter; the sin will be on my own head!—Lippincott's

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who feared the cat would "take the baby's breath?"

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