

THE MOST REMARKABLE CARAVAN THAT EVER ENTERED AFGHANISTAN.



A STEAM ROLLER AND MOTORS FOR THE AMEER.

The Indian tour of the Ameer of Afghanistan in 1907 has evidently impressed on him the advantages of good roads, and it would appear that he is now about to have such roads and motor cars...

FAIR WOMANHOOD.

So gentle and so bounteous doth appear My lady, when she maketh a salute, That every tongue, trembling, trembleth...



"Mind! Phillipstein told me you could tell me how to win her. Please do it." "Sure you can," said Mindl. "You can do anything. I said it to Pincus..."

"That man is ill!" exclaimed Miss Goldwasser. "Look at him; I think he is going to fall into the river. Run up and catch him before he gets in..."

"Help him! Get him out!" "Mr. Cohen reluctantly approached the edge. Mr. Phillipstein had come to the surface and was treading water and floating along with the tide..."

of bills to Miss Goldwasser and carefully entered the water. To make it real, Mr. Phillipstein clutched him with what he imagined was the grip of a drowning man and whispered: "I'll sink again and pull you down with me..."

Whereupon Mr. Phillipstein sank into the water and dragged the frenzied Pincus, who was a fair swimmer, but hated the water, along with him. When they arose Mr. Cohen gave a loud cry. Miss Goldwasser was running along the bank with a long stick in her hand which she had picked up and which she was trying to reach out to the struggling men.

Mr. Cohen had gone as far as he could or dared. He was more than ten feet from shore, weighed down by his clothing, almost exhausted and afraid to venture out any farther. He turned and struck out for the land, disregarding Miss Goldwasser's cries to help the sinking man back of him...

"He's a hero!" Miss Goldwasser's tone was full of scorn. "Why, he even thought of his money. He saved that before he tried to get you out!" She handed Pincus his roll of bills. "No, brave man," continued Miss Goldwasser, addressing the astonished Phillipstein...

"You tried to do something," said Miss Goldwasser. "But you were not equal to it. You had to be saved by the man you were going to help." Miss Goldwasser looked a little mystified. "How was it," she asked of Mindl, "that you were so weak that you fell in and then strong enough to not only get out yourself, but bring Mr. Cohen out with you?"

"A little faintness came over me," said Mindl glibly, as he gazed with admiration at Miss Goldwasser; "and when I fell in the cold water revived me. O, I'm glad I was able to help this man!"

The two men soon dried their clothing and returned to Miss Goldwasser. She greeted Mr. Phillipstein with enthusiasm and during the car ride on the street car back to Brownsville she frequently referred to him as a hero and learned something about his position in society, which was excellent. Going to her relatives, Miss Goldwasser made further inquiries about Mr. Phillipstein and found that he was popular and prosperous, highly regarded as a fine, smart man by all Brownsville.

AT THE 'LADIES' WINDOW.

Hermost Romance and Dire Tragedy Brought to Light. In most of the larger postoffices of the country is a small window bearing the inscription, 'Ladies' Window, General Delivery,' where day after day thousands of letters are turned over to the fair applicants with no questions asked unless the official in charge has his doubts as to whether the one seeking a letter has the right to it...

Here may be seen a couple of school girls, laughing and joking, expecting a letter from some young fellow to whom the home address could not be given. Their little secret could be a harmless one, but they are venturing upon dangerous ground.

A woman whose face and clothing tell the bitter struggles she is making gets a letter from home, the letter which was sent through the general delivery because she did not want the folks at home to know where she could be found.

Another woman, well dressed, the expensive furs and jewelry stamping her as the wife of some prosperous man, walks past the window and back again, until she is sure there is no one around to see her receive the letter written in a bold masculine hand...

Next comes a woman with hard-set features, her eyes narrowed almost to slits, glaring at everyone in that corridor. Anything the least bit suspicious to her and she leaves to return some time later. The letter cannot be handed out too quickly. Her story is easily read. Someone dear to her is in trouble. The police are watching her home, the postal officials have been instructed to intercept any mail directed to her, and so she has learned that any other name will do, and that the general delivery window is the last chance through which she can be kept informed of the troubled one's movements.

So they come and go. The young woman who has eloped, the young girl with a harmless flirtation, the mother who has made the fatal mistake, the daughter to whom the gayer side of life appealed, the maid or the matron, each with her own reason for not having her mail sent to her home address.

Some read the letters in a secluded corner of that large building where their contents bring forth peals of laughter, or sudden, sharp cries of pain. Others read them as they walk along the street, finally to place them in some secure hiding place, or tear them up in the most minute pieces, throwing them away at long intervals so that no one could ever recover the tell-tale fragments.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Five books of fiction are published daily in this country. An investigation of the boy workers of London shows that the news boys are the healthiest and the bakers least so.

New York State has 15,000 uniformed and equipped citizen soldiers, yet Governor Hughes manages to get along with a staff of eighteen officers. About 2,600,000 of the natives of Siam are kept busy cultivating rice.

M. Marcel Prevost has been elected to the Academie Francaise in succession to Victorien Sardou. There were four ballots, at each of which M. Prevost secured the largest number of votes. Oil has been struck 150 miles south of Suez, on the Red Sea coast...

On its through trains one of the eastern railroads has installed a sanitary system of supplying water to passengers. In every car a slot machine is installed, which supplies paraffin drinking cups for 1 cent each. The passenger uses this paraffin vessel and throws it away after use.

Nathaniel Osborne, who used to blow the organ in the Brick church in Fairhaven, Conn., was once asked how much salary he received. "Twelve hundred dollars," he replied. "Twelve hundred dollars?" exclaimed the questioner. "Yes," replied Nat, "but that's for one hundred years."

It has been decided to remove the notice on the pier at Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, which runs as follows: "Any person going on the pier without paying the authorized toll or inquiring or annoying the pier master or any other official is liable to a fine of £5." -London Evening Standard.

California is to try acclimating the Korean wild fig. The fig, growing on a hardy vine, on trees, trellises and hedge rows to a height of thirty feet, bears a delicious fruit. Some of the seed has been sent to the department of agriculture, California State university.

The old gentleman was not accustomed to having the new railway in his town; upon seeing a train approaching he whipped up his horse and tried to cross the track in front of it. His and his horse came out safely, but the wagon was badly broken. When he found that he was not injured he called to the engineer: "Why, I thought you saw me coming."

A decision of the court of appeals of New York, in a case which grew out of a dispute over the right to a car seat, holds that placing a piece of baggage in a seat does not preempt the space. The court rules that passenger cars are to carry persons, not baggage, and that filling a seat with luggage confers no title to the seat on the owner of the grip.

Science and Invention

Some Detroit engineers have figured that to duplicate the Pyramid of Cheops in that city, at the present cost of materials and labor, would require nearly \$100,000,000. The growth of the cement industry in this country is shown by the fact that representatives of plants valued at \$350,000,000 attended a recent Chicago cement show.

A turbine pump for fire engines, driven by gasoline, in tests in England, has proven its ability to throw 450 gallons of water a minute with a steady, even pressure. The French government has begun its first coinage of aluminum fractional currency to take the place of the old copper coins, which will be withdrawn from circulation.

In recovering the telegraphic cables injured by the Sicilian earthquake in the Strait of Messina, the curious fact was noted that parts of the cables seemed to have been burned. This is regarded as confirming the hypothesis that the great disaster should be attributed to submarine volcanic discharges rather than to rock movements in the adjacent lands.

Below Cairo the Mississippi has a gradient of but a few inches per mile; for the last 500 miles of its course the Amazon has an average gradient of only an eighth of an inch per mile; between Sorbat and Kharatum the slope of the Nile is only from a third to a half-inch per mile.

During his extensive explorations in Central Asia, Dr. M. A. Stein discovered in the desert northeast of Kashmir remains of human occupation, among which were many manuscript leaves in Chinese, Sanskrit, and the unknown language of Khotan, which had been preserved by the covering of sand blown over them.

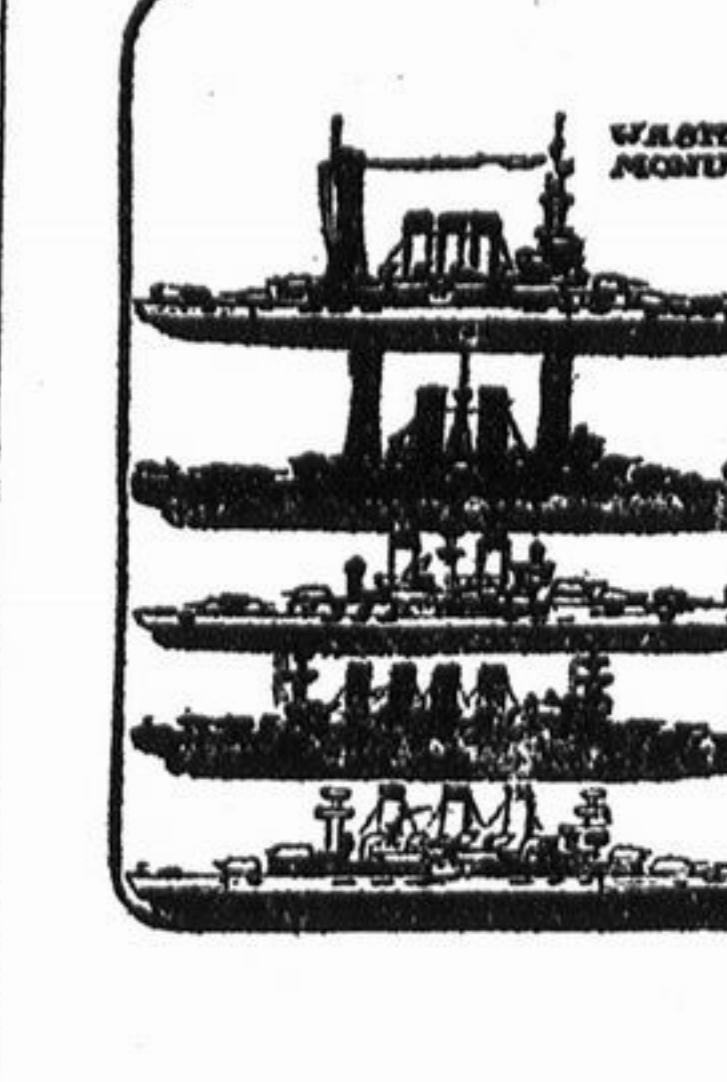
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Again, rock often contains springs. If a spring were opened during blasting it would have to flow through the cellar or be deflected—a costly operation. A house built upon a rock also vibrates during thunder storms.

Clay is perhaps more to be avoided than rock. Clay collects water and spreads under pressure. It expands in wet or frosty weather and contracts in summer. Frozen clay clings to brick or stone and often causes dislocation of cellar walls and piers.

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFTS.

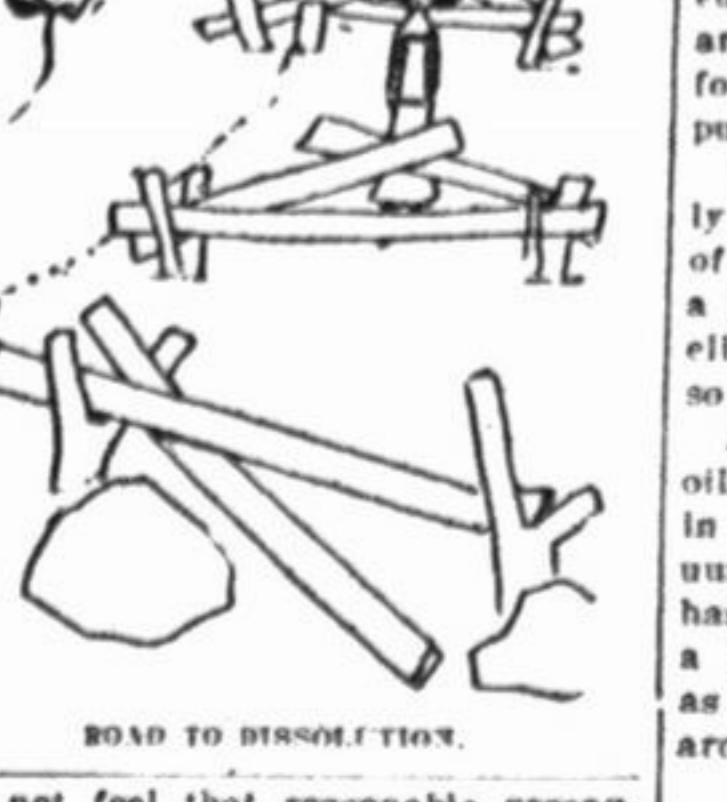


Amount He Has Given to One Institution Equals Cost of Five Battleships.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER celebrated his seventieth birthday by giving \$10,000,000 to the General Education Board, making the total of his gifts to that philanthropy the stupendous sum of \$53,000,000 and bringing the grand total of his known benefactions to the aggregate of \$120,000,000. Add his unknown gifts to innumerable institutions, objects and individuals, and the final figures are probably in excess of \$135,000,000—a sum of money so huge that its magnitude is difficult to estimate.

Report has given Mr. Rockefeller \$400,000,000, but men with some means of estimating his wealth say that is an exaggeration. If his fortune be \$300,000,000, his income at 5 per cent would be \$15,000,000. If \$400,000,000, it would be \$20,000,000. This \$53,000,000 he has given the General Education Board is for a single purpose—to multiply and widen educational facilities for American boys and girls, irrespective of creed or anything else.

Within recent months we have noted that more and more frequently divorce trials kept by one or both parties to the suit. Sometimes these divorces were begun long previous to any open disagreement between man and wife, when one or the other may have been unconscious of any infelicity between them.

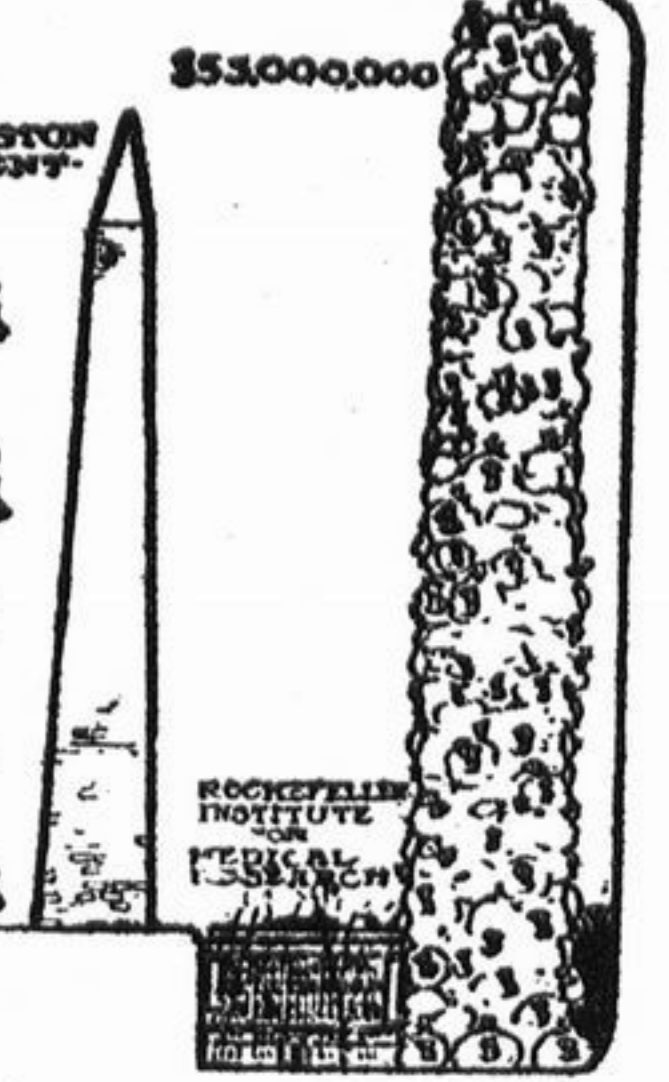


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Gravel is the ideal soil for building purposes. It is porous and drains perfectly. At the same time it is sufficiently stable to support foundations. A gravelly elevation is the ideal building site.

Nothing Goes to Waste.



By-Products of Petroleum Are Sources of Profit.

Paraffin was so long an unconsidered by-product of the Eastern petroleum, grown in importance each year. The big oil company manufactures more than 300,000,000 candles of 700 sizes and kinds yearly. Tallow and wax (beeswax) candles have disappeared and 12,000,000 pounds of paraffin wax is sold yearly to candlemakers.

New uses are discovered every day. The last available figures for the United States' production of paraffin wax are those of the United States census for 1905. In that year the total output was 234,072,100 pounds.

Asphaltum, the basis of heavier oils, is another most important thing in roadmaking. Coke, the final residuum of the distillation of petroleum, has proved valuable. It sells for \$7 a ton, and is used for fuel as well as for making the carbon points of arc lamps.—Cleveland Leader.

The distrust of humanity that is often so marked in the ordinary relations between man and woman appears to have extended itself to the relations between man and woman. It is not only when poverty comes in at the door that love flies out of the window; when doubt comes in at the window, love slips out of the door.

Small Farmer in Alaska. There are fully 20,000 square miles of Alaska suited for grazing or agriculture—an area equal to three-quarters of the State of Ohio, a writer in the American Review of Reviews says. Make this accessible and develop local markets and the farmer will come—from not from the States, then from northern Europe, a region which has already furnished many good citizens to Alaska.

TONGS OF CHINATOWN. Eleven Secret Organizations Composed of Criminal Elements. The tongs of San Francisco's Chinatown are made up of "highlanders," or bad men, says the Bohemian, and their names are as follows: Ping Kong, Suey Sing, Hop Sing, Bo On, Bo Lung, Suey On, Quong Tuck, Hip Yung, Hip Sing, Suey Ying and Jok Lin.

Talent and Talent. Talent feels its weight, tact finds its way; talent commands, tact is obeyed; talent is honored with approbation, and tact is blessed by preference.—London Atlas.