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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

One by one the pennant hopes that budded in April are stricken by dry rot and disappear.

One of the latest triumphs of modern science is the dried egg. In fact, you can't beat it.

This is a cruel world. After a college man is graduated he has to hunt a job at boys' wages.

Disaster follows the German dirigibles as closely as it does the French and American airplanes.

A genius comes to the front with the seedless apple, but the seedless raspberry is still afar off.

All is not gold that glitters. A New York woman wants a divorce because her wedding ring is brass.

A girl lately died from eating too much ice cream. The majority of girls would die rather than own it.

Bathing suits are to be rendered sanitary. This is difficult because the sea cannot be boiled between swims.

A bumper wheat crop is promised this year. All of which goes to show that political hot air has no effect on crops.

A Connecticut man says he has been struck by lightning every seven years. Probably he means political lightning.

Naturally the Summer Girl who tans expects to have a much happier vacation than the Summer Girl who freckles.

Philadelphia angler claims that he caught a fish with a diamond ring in its stomach. This brings the number up to 1,454,782.

A California man claims to have caught an eight-legged fish that barks like a dog. Still, they claim California wines are harmless.

A man was arrested for refusing to kiss his wife—that is, this complaint was made along with another about his refusal to pay bills.

A New York man wants everybody to keep a snake in his home. If the N. Y. man's happiness depends on this want, he'll die unhappy.

We have it from John L. Sullivan that the pugilists of today are not what they used to be, but in John's day typewriters were scarce.

"Man," says an uplift person, "is the only animal that smokes." Likewise he is the only animal that holds political campaigns. Poor man!

The weather man's prediction for the week is "generally fair." It is characteristic of his prophecies that he always leaves room for hedging.

A Cleveland man who chose the life of a crook has lost a legacy of \$32,000 because of it. People with rich relatives should behave themselves.

A physical culture expert tells us that crawling on all fours is good for the health, but that would be carrying the Darwinian theory too far.

New York woman has, at various times, annexed three husbands, all of them in the oil business. And then they say that woman is inconsistent.

A western girl has been awarded a judgment for \$28,828 for breach of promise. Probably the \$28 is for the ice cream and soda water she didn't get.

A new French aeroplane has wings that can be folded, but the average aviator is satisfied if the wings only stay where they belong while he is flying.

Judging from the number of Turkish islands he has annexed in the last few months, the king of Italy must be thinking of going into the real estate business.

The French detectives say they are on the track of Mona Lisa, but Lisa cannot displace in this country both baseball and a presidential campaign.

A young woman who died recently in England at the age of 101 was an illustrious member, but it is hardly affirming to say a woman of that age is young.

A Boston doctor, who has been practicing medicine for 100 years, says that he has never seen a woman of that age who is young.

A doctor in London says that he has never seen a woman of that age who is young.

COUNTRY LIFE EXHIBIT

Graphic Presentation of Rural Progress at DeKalb, August 1, 2 and 3.

A most unique and helpful feature of the big Country Life Conference to be held at DeKalb, Ill., August 1, 2 and 3, will be the Country Life Exhibit. Many local country communities and a score of state and national organizations will contribute to this exhibit. Every phase of country life will be present. Country church conditions and remedies will be shown by the Presbyterian Department of Church and Country Life of New York and the national boards of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Country school exhibits will be made by the United States Bureau of Education, the Illinois State Department of Education and the country schools of Page county, Iowa, Winnebago county, Illinois, and other counties in Illinois. The Illinois Highway Commission will make a road exhibit and the Illinois Household Science Association will establish a model farm-kitchen. Free traveling libraries will be exhibited by the Illinois Library Extension Commission. Further contributions to this exhibit will be made by the State Agricultural College of Massachusetts, the Illinois State College of Agriculture, the State Farmers' Institute and the Illinois State Grange.

Country Community Center Exhibit. The most significant exhibits made, however, will be those contributed by local country communities, showing what is actually accomplished in various country neighborhoods. Country communities and organizations in all parts of the state are invited to assist in this work. A suggestive feature of this local division of the general exhibit will be a Country Community Center, showing a model country church, consolidated school, Grange hall and industrial plant. This community center will be modeled largely upon the community center of the Clear Creek country neighborhood in Putnam county, where the John Swaney Consolidated School is located. This famous school will be used as the school model, but the church will be patterned after the DuPage Country Church, near Plainfield, in Will county.

WATCHING FOR THE CROPS.

The next weeks are ones of feverish anxiety around the stock market ticker. The brokers may worry day-times over politics, but it takes a cold and rainy week in the Dakotas, or a scorching sun bath in Kansas, to keep them awake nights. They know that if the crops of 1910 could be duplicated this fall, a stream of money would be pouring out of every cross roads regardless of any political passion.

It has been a blot on American industry, that our production of the great cereal crops per acre has been but a third to a half the records of Europe. With the preaching of the gospel of a better farming, it cannot be many years before our grain elevators will overflow at higher ratios than ever before.

Already in 10 states, according to the department of agriculture, the corn crop is increasing faster per acre than population.

Ten years ago the principal efforts to better our farming were along two lines—the cattle shows, and the higher education of the agricultural colleges.

The cattle shows performed a very useful service along unscientific lines. Premium money distributed among the farmers has incited a minority of them to produce aristocratic creatures of the barn yard. But the great bulk of the farmers attributed their failure to get premiums to cattle show politics, and continued to raise scrawny beasts. The cattle shows also never did much toward better cereal crop production.

The old fashioned agricultural colleges produced men who made admirable superintendents for big farms. After a man had sweat and strained to get his training, he had invested too much in his education to go home and plough his father's acres.

It having been demonstrated that the average farmer will not go to college, during the past ten years the colleges have been put on wheels, and taken around to the granger stations. And a whole lot of the High schools have quit teaching the youngsters the productions of the ancient Romans, and have discussed the question what crop will grow the best on the Old Man's farm. The results must soon be seen.

Hair Fabrics.

In the manufacture of hair fabrics the hair is reduced to a paste by a solvent and all kinds of hair and fibers are used. The paste is run through an artificial silk spinner and drawn from the spinner in threads. Some of these are a yard or more in length. They can be braided or woven like artificial horse-hair. Hair composition of superior quality is kept for the manufacture of wigs and braids.—Harper's Weekly.

Thought It Part of Initiation. Many new members of a colored secret society in Alexandria, Va., were undergoing initiation when the floor gave way, and they all fell into the cellar. They believed that it was part of the initiation ceremony.

TILLMAN REJUVENATED BY ODD HEALTH "STUNTS"

One year ago Senator Ben Tillman went to his South Carolina home a complete physical wreck. His colleagues here never believed it would be possible for the shadow of the "Pitchfork Ben" that was to regain his health.



But at the beginning of the present session, the picturesque South Carolinian appeared on the floor in his seat more in his seat well. His friends were astonished at his recovery, for everybody thought Tillman was near death.

Here are some of the "stunts" which the senator recommends for those anxious to regain their health: "Before arising in the morning take the head off the pillow and stretch out, exhaling all the air from the lungs and then draw in all the air possible.

"Draw up the knees, with the heels on the bed. Throw the knees as far apart as they can be carried, swinging them apart and together vigorously so as to strain the muscles of the thigh.

"Stretch your hands under you behind the spine, and then throw both feet toward the headboard, also using the abdominal muscles to pull up the lower extremities, five or six times, or as much as can be done with one breath. I have reduced my paunch three inches by doing this, as it changes fat to muscle and hardens the abdominal muscles.

"Grasp the iron cross at the head of the cot, if you use a cot as I do, and throw both feet up, pulling up the body and standing as near on the head as possible. Throw the feet up and down five or six times. Fasten the feet under the crosspiece of the cot, pull the trunk up to a sitting posture, and drop back. Repeat four or five times.

"The first time I tried this latter exercise," the senator interjected reminiscently, "I thought I had torn loose something, but it was only the sudden strain of the abdominal muscles, which were very flabby and weak, and afterward I found no pain at all.

"Keeping the knees straightened, try to pinch each big toe with each hand.

"Throw the head back as far as possible, then stoop forward and touch the floor if you can. This movement is to loosen the muscles of the spine like working a rusty hinge.

"Swing light dumb-bells, one arm going by the abdomen while the other extends above the head as far as possible, and as one goes down elevate the other. This will lubricate and loosen the joints of the shoulders.

"Twist the spine by throwing one hand to the rear and the other to the front, lubricate and loosen the joints and make the vertebrae twist each on the other.

"I practice all this before breakfast and at night before going to bed, and I feel that it makes marked differences in my strength and otherwise. I have said that I thought my health would come back to me through this exercise and diet, if at all."

"TEX" RICARD IS NOW FINANCIER AND PROMOTER



"Tex" Rickard, former Alaska gambler, Goldfield saloonkeeper and prize fight promoter, is at the Savoy hotel in London, dignified, prosperous, quiet, unostentatious and reticent about Goldfield. He dislikes to be reminded of his former life.

He has been in Argentina for a year, and is here as a financier, promoting a trans-Andean railroad. He expects to return to Argentina in a few weeks.

Argentina, he says, is the most expensive country in the world to live in. A man can make lots of money, but is foolish to go there without a fortune to start with.

A great land and cattle boom is under way, says Rickard, and there is a railroad boom affecting all lines in the country.

Cause for Disgust. The christening party consisted of the proud father, the baby (a girl), the grandfather, and several of the family. The grandfather stood nearest to the priest during the ceremony. "What's the child's name?" asked the priest of the grandfather at the appropriate moment. "I dunno," the grandfather replied, and he turned to the father and whispered hoarsely: "What's it's name?" "Hazel," replied the father. "What?" said the grandfather. "Hazel!" repeated the father. The grandfather threw up his hands in disgust. "What d'ye think of that?" he asked the priest. "With the calendar as the saints fall as girls' names—'an' him namin' his after a nut!"—London Tit-Bits.

GIRL SAVES FATHER

Snake Bites Man and She Sucks Out Deadly Venom.

Joseph Eberhardt of San Francisco Attacked by Reptile While on Fishing Trip—Heroic Treatment Prevents Death.

Mayfield, Cal.—Cutting deep into the flesh of the leg of her father, after he had been bitten by a rattlesnake, getting down upon her hands and knees, putting her lips to the wounds made by her knife and the fangs of the poisonous reptile, Anita Eberhardt, twelve years old, sucked the venom from the wound of Joseph Eberhardt and saved his life. Then, half carrying and half dragging him, she got him to camp a quarter of a mile away, where, with difficulty, she placed him on the back of a saddle horse and started him to the nearest farmhouse, eight miles away.

Arriving at the farmhouse, Eberhardt fell in a dead faint and was hurried to a hospital in Palo Alto.

Eberhardt is a harness maker of San Francisco, and with his daughter has been camping at the old Hubbard & Carmichael mill in a remote section of the San Mateo mountains. They arrived in this city and rented a horse that the girl might ride and that they might pack their camp outfit to the old mill.

They started on a fishing trip to Rock creek, three-quarters of a mile from their tent. Hardly had they gone a quarter of a mile when Eberhardt was bitten in the calf of the leg by a big rattler. He killed the reptile, but soon began to weaken as the poison took effect. The girl made him lie down, and, after bandaging the leg above the fang marks, took a large knife and made deep incisions into the flesh.

After her father was on his way to the ranch house the girl set out on foot to follow and reached the ranch in the afternoon.

Eberhardt is recovering, but physicians say that had it not been for the presence of mind of his daughter and her prompt actions he would have died in the mountain wilderness. They said all the poison had been taken from the man's body by the heroic treatment of the girl.

This is the second rattlesnake experience in the family. In 1902, when they lived in Ilisbee, Ariz., Mrs. Eberhardt was bitten by a rattlesnake. She received immediate treatment and all the poison was drawn from her system. The fright she experienced from her encounter with the snake, however, affected her so that she died in a few weeks.

CURE FOR IDIOCY FAILED

Operation of Prof. Payr, Dean of German Hospital, Not the Success It Was Reported to Be.

Berlin.—The cure of an idiot boy by Professor Payr, the dean of the surgical faculty of Leipzig university, was reported in a cable dispatch a few days ago. Professor Payr, it was then announced, had transplanted a portion of the thyroid gland taken from the child's healthy mother to the blood vessels of the patient's kidneys. The child had been born without a thyroid gland and had consequently remained mentally undeveloped.

After the operation, so the report of the case said, mental regeneration at once set in, and after a month's observation the patient was sent home by the surgeon as thoroughly sound in mind and body. Unfortunately the cure turns out now to have been only partial, for afterward a reaction set in.

The engrafted morsel of thyroid gland only produced its juices for a time and then rapidly deteriorated, leaving the patient as he was before. Surgical experts have now come to the conclusion that idocy can only be temporarily relieved when the thyroid gland is entirely missing.

ROMANCE ENDED BY DEATH

American Army Officer Killed in Plane Crash Engaged to Georgia Belle.

Atlanta, Ga.—When death beckoned Lieut. Leighton Hazelhurst recently while testing an army aeroplane near Washington it ended a pretty romance which began when Hazelhurst first came to Georgia from West Point. Then the young lieutenant met a Georgia belle and the acquaintance ripened into love. Her wealthy parents, however, objected to her marrying an army man. The lovers were not discouraged and three weeks ago the girl's parents consented to the engagement, which would have been announced in a few days.

Auto in Race With Stork.

Atlanta, Ga.—An automobile ambulance in a race with the stork ran down Mrs. J. B. Northcutt and caused P. R. Miller to forget all about a bag containing \$588.90, which he dropped to the sidewalk when he rushed to the woman's assistance.

Another passer-by, who witnessed the occurrence, picked up the money and took it to the Third National bank, where it later was recovered by Miller. Mrs. Northcutt was accompanied by her grandchild.

Miller's quick action saved the life of the child, but Mrs. Northcutt was severely injured. The ambulance, bearing Mrs. Alice Stewart of Oakland City, a suburb, beat the stork to the hospital.

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