How's Your Luck?

A telephone bell jangled in a New ork police station.
"Hello," said a masculine voice,

when the sergeant answered the call.
"I want to report a robbery."
"Yes," said the sergeant, reaching for pencil and paper, and preparing to write. "Tell me about it."

The detective was interested, and began collecting and reading the writings of this workman-writer.

He found that many of the incidents in these stories tallied quite nicely

"My apartment was entered last night," the man explained, "and my pocketbook with some money in it, a gold watch, a diamoi d stick-pin, and some other valuables were taken."

"Any clues?" asekd the sergeant.

"Not one that I could find," replied the man on the telephone.

To those who are a bit bored by

the man on the telephone.

"Well," the officer assured him, not-

ing name and address, "we'll do what

Less than an hour later, however the mystery was solved and the stolen property recovered. The victim of the robbery, we read, on the way to his office, was "approached by a furtive-looking man, who said he could make a very low price on a watch and other trinkets. And then, to the astonishment of the victim, the thief drew out of his pocket the man's own watch

and other property.
"He was seized, and most of the money that had been stolen was also recovered in the man's pocket—a curious coincidence, certainly."

This is just one of a number of samples of "pure luck" collected by The American Weekly. Another almost unbelievable coincidence "is the experience of L. R. Johansen of Lincoln, Nebraska, with the wrong tele-phone number that was right." This was the way of it, we read:

Mr. Johansen had stopped for a mo-ment at a roadside filling station to get some gasoline for his automobile. Some one called him to the telephon Astonished that any one would know where he was at that moment accur ately enough to catch him during his momentary stop at the filling-station, he answered the call.

To his still greater astonishmen he discovered that the caller thought he was talking to Mr. Johansen at the latter's office, and that it was an im portant matter of business.

The caller, intending to call Mr. Johansen's office, accidentally had dialed the wrong number.

The number dialed, and obtained chanced to be that of the filling-sta-tion where Mr. Johansen happened to

Equally astonishing good luck, at least for one party to the incident, happened to Corporal Leo Goucher of the New Jersey State Police.

Visiting a farmyard as a matter of

routine duty, the corporal and several companions were chased by a vicious

Unable to reach the fence in time, the corporal dived, head first, into a pile of straw.

Inside the straw was a concealed trap-door which no one had suspected, leading to an underground room and at illicit liquor still. The corporal made the conventional

his bit of detective work is not re-Another example of pure luck was

the case of the bouncing boy of White-Wisconsin. Riding in the back seat of his parents' automobile, this baby bounced

clear out of the car, onto the highway as the automobile was rounding the

Not missed by the parents, in the front seat, the baby was discovered and retrieved presently, by another autoist, and proved o be absolutely

A hot-headed New Yorker, of vio lent impulses, unexpectedly discovered that he had had a piece of extraordinary luck, the account continues:

Becoming enraged, for some reason perhaps not unrelated to holiday alsolol, at the gestures of an individual standing beside him at the doorway of a dance-hall, this would-be murder-

age was not irreparable, a circum-stance which the impulsive stabber no doubt viewed with considerable thankfulness when he woke up in the police-station to find himself charged only with mischief instead of murder.
Not long ago "the British courts
discovered that a certain will of great

importance in pending litigation, and purporting to have been written in the year 1542, was undoubtedly a forg-

The perplexing thing was that experts all agreed that the paper it was written on was certainly made about that period. How could anybody get hold of a blank sheet of paper made in 1542?

By pure accident, the custodian of records in a British town happened to mention the frequent visits of a studious gentleman, who had been ex-amining fifteenth- and sixteenth-century wills. Wills were usually written upon paper which was folded double.

when a search of hundreds of wills finally revealed one written upon a single sheet of torn paper, the forged will was found to fit the torn sheet Malaya. exactly. The forger was traced,

Shortly afterward, a series of well- the Malayan Information Agency. written stories of criminal adventure was issued by one of the better-known The second oldest college in the Danish publishing houses. It became United States is the College of William Was issued by one of the better-known
Danish publishing houses. It became
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known that the author was none other
and Mary at Williamsburg, Va., found-

Still there was no suspicion, until the studious detective saw in one of these stories a set of facts which, well wrapped up in a nice literary setting coincided with those of a crime which had never been solved.

in these stories tallied quite nice with other unsolved crimes. Then ed quite nicely

To those who are a bit bored by the tranquility of this gentle existence we hopefully proffer the enigms below as a likely remedy. According to re-liable information, it was part of an intelligence test given to prospective employ es of a large steel corporation We venture the comment that the out fit probably had as large a personne as was needed, anyway.

There is no catch in this problem

Each statement is relevant and must be considered in arriving at the correct answer. Two and three-quarte hours was the time allowed for the solution, but we are told that persons of evidently colossal mentality have produced the correct answer in fice r ten minutes.

Consider all the following data:

A brakeman, a fire.nan, and an en gineer are employees on a train. Their names are Robinson, Smith and Jones, not respectively. On this train are three passengers with the same names Robinson, Smith and Jones, herein-after referred as as "Mr." to distinguish them from the three trainme

 Mr. Robinson lives in Detroit.
 The brakeman lives halfway be tween Detroit and Chicago.

3. Mr. Jones earns exactly \$2,000

a year.
4. Smith beat the fireman at bil

5. The brakeman's nearest neigh bor, who is one of the three pas

sengers, earns exactly three time as much as the brakeman. 6. The passenger living in Chicago has the same name as the brake

Question-What is the engineer's

Chemical Industry The making of soaps and washing compounds forms the third largest industry among the chemical group of manufactures in Canada. It is exceeded in value of its output only by paints, pigments and varnishes, and by acids, alkalies and salts. These three industries accounted for over half the value of the production of the chemical industries in 1930. value of production of the whole chemical group in that year was \$119,-969,637. The largest single branch of paints, pigments and varnishes with an output of \$23,966,502. Second position was held by acids, alkalies and salts at \$20,111,602, while soaps The corporal made the conventional and washing compounds ranked third arrest. What the still's owner did to with an output value of \$18,167,828, the bull which chased the corporal into A. close fourth was medicinal and his bit of detective made in the corporal into A. pharmaceutical preparations at \$17, 768,806. Production of the other in

dustries in the chemical group has no been developed to the same extent as The output of soaps and washing The output of soaps and wasning compounds in 1930 was the second highest in the history of the industry. The record year was 1929 when production was valued at \$19,218,726. In 1930, as already stated, the value of the output was \$18,167,838, 68 establishments engaged in this industry reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Of these plants 32 were in Ontario, 22 in Quebec, five in Manitoba and four in British Columbia. Capital employed in the industry was \$18,340,715, of which \$9,712,659 consisted of lands, buildings, machinery and tools, \$4,860,975 of stocks and

ing cry.
We are glad, for Winter was a churling. A riosterous

fellow with a windy mane, Granting no quarter he came wildly hurling Walls of snow, and the untemperate

No sign to mark the place where seeds riot Only a bird to tell the time is near

So rare, so gay, this winging feath ered thing, A lesser messenger would fright the Spring.

-John C. Ritchey

Pewter Ware Trade

In Straits Settlement Penang, Straits Settlements—If the fashion for modern pewter ware booms in the near future, it will have received a new impetus from

exactly. The forger was traced, caught, and convicted.

The sailor who hires a rowboat for recreation when he is on holiday is a blood brother of the detective who reads mystery stories when the day's work is done. One of these latter, a Dane, found, however, that his hobby had remunerative features. Thus:

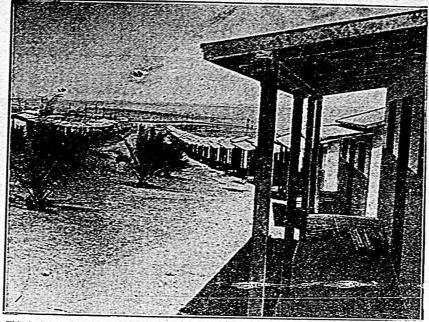
Some years previous to the time of one particular reading, a certain Danish workman had disappeared, and left no trace.

The Straits Settlements and ducers, hard hit by the tin slump, have decided to revive the consumption of this metal by launching a campaign in behalf of the once popular pewter articles.

A collection of exceptionally attractive pewter goods manufactured in Kuala Lumpur, including a teal was a teal to be seen to London by the Federated Malay States Chamber of Mines to be exhibited at

ed in 1693.

Where Male Athletes Will Live During Olympics



This is going to be a man's town when they finish building the tiny bungalows to be occupied by visiting male athletes who compete at the Olymplad.

The Use of Wealth

By Ramsay MacDonald Minister of Great Britain, in a Speech Before a London Building Society.

tal or by borrowing.

Let us spend, but not in any irra-

labor, management and business abili-ty, not only of the present time, but of those past generations which have built up this nation.

Paris Rules Detectives

Must Be Policemen First for fish, and the penguins, which can-The Paris Prefect of Police, M. Jean Chiappe, writes a correspondent of "The London Daily Telegraph," announced an important modification of the rules governing the training of plainclothes officers. Hitherto this section of the force has been open to any one who could pass the difficult entrance examination. In future, however, only men who have served as police constables for two years will be accepted as candidates. M. Chiappe oints out that experience of the duies of an "agent" is very valuable, as the men are trained in self-control and learn how to deal with difficult situations tactfully.

But M. Clement Vautel, writing in "Journal," objects to the new rule on the ground that policemen and de-tectives have very little in common. For instance, the former must have a certain physique, whereas your Sher-lock Holmes may be a delicate dwarf and yet succeed in the unravelling of crime problems. Brains rather than brawn go to the making of the "eyes

Birds that Swim Under Water

The family of birds - known in America as dippers and in Europe as water ouzels exhibit remarkable activity under water and while sub I wish I could impress upon every merged used their wings much as they body what economy really means. do in flying through the air. These It means cutting down useless expenditure, expenditure you cannot afford, expenditure when your income has been reduced so that you cannot meet it except out of capital or the product of the produc to keep themselves down, for their bodies are only three-fourths as heavy Let us spend, but not in any irra-bodies are only three-tourtns as nearly tional and senseless way, lest, while as water and would rise like cork believing we are doing our duty, except for the wing motions. In this stream-worn valley—a way lies up-ward to the long ridge of Haldes or we may be doing the community evil manner they are able to remain under bf adopting the shocking method of water for extended periods without bf adopting the shocking method of protecting capital rather than the businesslike way of putting capital freely at the disposal of labor, so that it may go round and fructify. Let us put our heads together to Let us put our heads together to the capital rather than the protecting which are kept oily by a gland under the capital rather to the capital rather than the protecting capital rather than the protects them getting wet, for nature protects them from the chilly waters by a thick coat of down underneath the feathers. Let us put our heads together to use wealth, not laying it by in a napkin as the unjust steward did, but—under no elusion as to what its amount is—so that the whole community may enjoy the benefits of the pearances the bird manipulates its but—the management and husiness abili-

face of the water.

The Mud Album To make a mud album for recording bird and animal tracks, requires no other tools than a pair of willing hands and no materials other than

to propel themselves beneath the sur-

Find a place near a stream where birds or animals feed. Clear weeds and sticks from a place a yard square. Smooth with hands and keep level. If mud is hard, mix with a little water so that the tracks

of small animals will register. find both bird and animal tracks in your album. Bend a strip of card-board in a circle and thrust into the earth around a track. Mix a little celerating airplane speed, Glennon's plaster-of-paris with water until cradle can be used on a ship deck, sky-smooth, but not too thick. Pour scraper roof or landing field to deinto the cardboard mold. In about half an hour you may pull out the

Summer Glory

able, deep between banks of fern and flower; by paths along the bramble where breezes sing among the pines, or sweep rustling through gorse and bracken. Mile after mile of rustic loveliness, ever and anon the sea-in pearances the bira man, wings under water in exactly the same wings under water in exactly the same manner that it does when flying through the air. Although they are not web-footed, birds of this family dark green leafage; here amid shamily dowed underground trail the long fronds of lustrous harts-tongue; wherever the eye falls, profusion of the many a bending a purple head in the heat of noon; here the great bells of the con-volvulus hang thick from lofty hedges wherever the eye falls, profusion of summer's glory. Here, in many a rook, carreted with softest turf, canopied with tangle of leaf and bloom, solitude is safe from all intrusions unless it be that of flitting bird, or of some time that the thing that rustles for a moment and is cone. ment and is gone. From dawn to midnight, as from midnight to dawn, one who would be alone with nature might count upon the security of these bosks and dells.—George Gissing, in "In the Year of Jubilee."

"Cradle" to Catch Planes

To safeguard airplanes minus the proper landing gear, William S. Glennon, a former naval officer, has introduced an airplane "cradle" which ex-Next morning you will probably actly reverses the work done by the catapult used on aircraft carriers, says "Popular Mechanics Magazine." Whereas a catapult is a means of accelerating airplane 'speed, Glennon's scraper roof or landing field to decrease the speed of a wheelless air-plane quickly and gently, so that the

perhaps not unrelated to holiday also perhaps not unrelated to holiday also for a dance-hall, this would-be murghed him at the doorway of a dance-hall, this would-be murghed him at the doorway and the stabled his companion to the heart.

The gestures stopped but no blood flowed, and the stabbed individual did not collapse. Investigation showed that whip

The letters in jeweled ribbons on the sky,

The work of the confectioner, the messager boy, the restaurant waiter, the taxicab man, several of which have the sky,

And with each shivering dip and tools, \$4,860,975 of stocks and materials on hand, and \$3,767,081 of cash, trading and operating accounts and bills receivable.

Cheer up, old boy, advised the married man. "You know 'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." "Yes," agreed the rejected suitor, jingling a bunch of keys in his pocket, "better for the sky," and with each shivering dip and the rolling gear steps and tracks, a deer tracks, a stent track, or a track of the water animal visited your mud album.

This is but one of the many intervence of the sting things learned by by scouts. This is but one of the many intervence and the rolling gear steps and the possible track, or a track of the west, or a track of the water animal visited your mud album.

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The cradle can receive planes with of with tracks, a deer track, or a track of the water of the water of

From the mouth of Exe to th mouth of Eeign the coast is uninter-esting. Such beauty as it once posses-

News Oddities

Rain of Goats Breaks Roof of Coffee

the waterfront, to be shipped to Ath-ens in the morning. One member of ful if among all those who wield the the herd jumped up on the low roof of the coffee house. Then came a follow the-leader scramble until the root crashed. Coffee cups were smashed but nobody was nurt, not even a goat.

Didn't Need Divorce Vancouver, Wash. - When Walter and Pearl Priddy sought a divorce, they discovered that they never were legally married. They immediately ob tained a license, married.

Too-elderly Ostrich Is Given Chloroform

San Ontonia, Tex.-Nellie, 22-year old ostrich at Brackenridge Park 700 here, has been chloroformed to end the pains of old age. The hen had lived 12 years beyond the average life span. Zoo officials believe Nellie holds the ecord among ostriches for length of years in captivity. She was born in the zoo here, and narrowly missed the fate of her mates in the flood of 1921. River waters carried her out of the She was revived and lived anzoo. She wa

Seeks Wife at 79 With a Rule Book Evanston, Ill. - After performing ,600 wedding ceremonies for others 79-year-old Samuel Harrison, Evanston's marrying justice of the peace, an nounces himself in the market for a wife of his own. He is a widower. His bride, he said, must subscrib to a set of rules which he has worked out in his experience as a justice

Among them are:

The husband must say every day to the wife: "I love you." She must say to him: "How strong you are, and how

Don't put your wife on a pedestal. Landing Without Gear It's too cold up there. Give a lot of safeguard airplanes minus the praise and get to mean it. Do not open each other's letters.

If the husband snores, comes home too frequently under the weather. talks too much to other women, or if the wife is untidy, serves much canned food or fish, they should tell each other about it two times a year in writing. 282 of 300 Villagers Serve Jail Terms

in Groups of Thirty Prague.—Practically the entire popu-lation of the village of Hidveg in Slo-vakia were recently condemned to

without a permit they were sentenced usually on a small grade. By means to fines of 50 Czech crowns or three days in jail. As the local jail is too days in jail. As the local jail is too learned, the natel is curried out of the small, they served their sentences in laterals and spread over the field. The

Only 1 Comic Magazine Survives Under Soviet

Moscow.—Only one humorous mag-azine remains in Russia, where form-erly five or six flourished. The chronic

"Crocodile," issued weekly, and real at the and running down the slope for comedy is almost the hardest thing to find in it. No joke, or cartoon, is published for its own sake, but only for the sake of some political moral. The adapted to very flat lands w subject matter is thus extremely limited. The jokes are at the expense of foreign capitalists, domestic kulaks, official bureoucrats, followers of Trutsky, etc.; in other words, the same people who come in for serious attack.

Spinning Wheel Beat Slump broadcasts originating at United Aberdeen Wash .- Mrs. J. E. Fisher The constables on duty within the oived the depression with an old-fas- Arctic Circle have, however, the great soived the depression with an old-lass Arctic Circle have, however, the great hioned spinning wheel such as she advantage of good reception for states when a girl in North Carolina. Itous in England, and also in France Her husband, a carpenter, built it for and Germany, the report indicates. her. She buys wool at about 25 cents pound and spins it into yarn worth \$2.00 a pound.

into a shallow basin and fills it, and then goes twinkling down its tiny runway between beds of iris and forget-renets and narcissus, and begins to fill the pool. . . . Spring never seems quite to have come to the garden until the fountain is gushing, until the runway twinkles and flashes between the rising iris spears, and in the night tide." biossoming of my wild-flowers scattered through the garden than I do the display of cultivated perennials. There even little clumps of Quaker ladies in the lawn which we carefully mow around, leaving them undisturbed till their season is over.—Watter Prichart Eaton, in "A Bucolic Attitude." "Smash and Settle"

An Early Spring Garden

Every gardener, I suppose, has his silence the steady tinkle of falling on ber-favorite moment of the water sings us once more to sleep. . . The wildflower nocks in the garden

spring. I think mine is that warm day, as near the first of April as possible, when I take off my coat, roll up my sleeres to feel the sun on my arms, and plant the first row of early pear. Centerally the sweet peas have already been planted, but that is done in a trench due the autumn pefore and mall ure of the wildfarest the little.

Another moment, sometimes my fa-vorite, is when the wall fountain is turnal on, and the water gushes from the lips of my marble mask, splashes into a shallow basin and fills it, and then woes twinkling down its tiny run-ter from the yearden than I do tha

The habit of dedicating a certais House in Smyrna

Smyrna, Turkey.—A shower of goats falling through the roof of a waterfront conce house here shattered for once the sommolence of Turkish backgammon, conce and hubble-bubble ad dlcts.

Investigations showed that 2,000 goats had been parked for the night by the waterfront, to be shipped to Athens in the morning. One member of ful if arong all the spring cleaned alike; but it is doubtful if arong all the spring a certais part of every spring to paint and paper, broom and mop, is not limited to any class or nation, or even to luminate the says of the table full in a certais part of every spring to paint and paper, broom and mop, is not limited to any class or nation, or even to luminate the says of the s mop, a more implacable foe to the winter's dirt is to be found than the

New England housewife.

Her position in the vanguard of the army of spring cleaners is generally recognized. Never would she, like the Mole, throw down a brush full of whitewash, and say, "O bother," and "O blow," and abandon the task in hand for the joys of a spring day along the river bank. Nor would she had say the property to the country to the say that the say the say that the say that the say the s be even tempted to do so. Her in-terest is concentrated on the point tasks of "smashing and settling"; and until these are accomplished, the wea-ther is noticeable only as it serves or

thwarts her purpose. "A fine day for getting things out," she says, and "smashing" begins. Drawers and chests are emptied, and their contents hung on the line; n.attheir contents nung on the line; mat-tresses and pillows are draped over the porch railing; upholstered furni-ture goes out for a sunning on the lawn, and a thorough beating later; desks and bookcases huddle together in the middle of the floor under an in the middle of the floor ander an improvised waterproof of newspaper and rags—and "smashing" is com-

plete.

Then the scrubbing and beating be-Then the scrubbing and beating begin. Windows are polished to a jewel-like radiance, inside and out; pictures are taken down and their backs dusted; even the locks of doos are searched by prying hairpins for lurking dirt. The remnant of the winter's fuel is removed from the "coal pen" and the floor scrubbed. Cracks between the bricks in the front walk are not allowed to harbor refuges dirt in peace. The beating of rugs and quilts and cushions and mattr sses plays a stealy accompaniment, to the music of the first song sparrows. No place is too small, nothin to pate is to sman, nothing to is significant or too recently cleaned, to be overlooked or slighted. And when the last bit of dirt has been ejected from the last crack in the walk, one may begin to "settle" with a con-

science as clear as cne's wind Virtually the whole world cleans house; but only New England house; but only The Clubman.

the offence of crossing the frontier at intervals of seventy-five to 100 feet, of canvas dams placed at frequent intervals, the water is turned out of he Turnussen prison in batches of thirty border method consists of the division of the field into narrow strips by means of low levees about six inches

means of low levees about six inches high and five or six feet wide, spiced rom twenty to 100 feet apart. It is adapted to lands having a gentle slope. The corrugation method consists of running small furrows, four to six inches deep and sixteen to forty-eight inches apart, down the line of steepest slope, and turning into each furrows. erly five or six flourished. The chronic inches apart, down the line of steep-shortage of paper explains, in part, est slope, and turning into each furthis limitation on humor. The serious mood of the country, however, also may have something to do with it. The surviving comic magazine is of small furrows starting at the nead "Crossedile" issued weekly and real to the and running down the slope for

The basin and dike method is best

Better Than Canada

people wno come in for serious attacks in the regular non-comic papers.

Writers and artists obviously find it radio broadcasts in the Arctic is "inhard to keep up the satirical barrage different," the annual report of the in the same direction week after week, Royal Canadian Mounted Police disso that the humor is always weaker. closed. Comments from the far north-Several gifted artists, however, con-tribute extremely good caricatures. tions are not heard regularly, and certainly not with the regularity of radio

"Comedy and pair i can never be divorced."—Marie Dressler.



HALFBACK MOVED INTO THE HOUSE ON THE CORNER, THE ELM R CLAIMING HIM BECAUSE THE FRONT WALK OPENS ON THE ROAD, WHEREAS THE MYRTLE STREETERS MAINTAIN HE BELONGS TO THEIR TEAM BECAUSE THE HOUSE FACES MYRT