

AN AERONAUT WHO KNITS.

M. Santos-Dumont Gets Much-Needed Relaxation in the Feminine Occupation.

Next to the flying through space in his flying machine M. Santos-Dumont enjoys knitting, making embroidery, and tapestry, reports the New York World.

M. Santos, as he prefers to be called, says it is a relaxation, and adds that he likes it. There are many things of his making in his elegant apartments at the Elysee palace hotel in Paris—chair seats worked in cross stitch, embroidered tray cloths, tea coverings and cushions, and ever so many other articles. They show that he possesses a high degree of skill and delicate appreciation of the artistic in design and color effects.

But when M. Santos really wants to enjoy himself in his home he knits. When he is studying a knotty problem in connection with his airship he knits, clicking the flying needles in true German fashion and scarcely ever glancing at them.

His apartments are in keeping with his home occupations. The drawing room is paneled in white and gold. No one would dream of using the delicate chairs with their dainty brocade coverings, and it is difficult to escape the many tables laden with bric-a-brac.

In the bedroom the walls are covered with pale blue silk, over which white dotted net is draped. The curtains of the window and of the canopied bed are held back with huge bows of blue satin ribbon.

PRINTERS ARE TOO SLOW.

The Value of Government Reports Is Impaired by Delays in Publication.

The public as well as the government suffers greatly by the dilatory methods in vogue in the printing of official reports. The value of work done by the scientific bureaus maintained by the government especially is lamentably lessened by the tardiness with which the results are given to the public. Official information does not make its appearance until the question has become obsolete or enough light has been shed on it through the medium of a more energetic press.

The delay, says the Chicago Chronicle is caused by the difficulty in getting the reports printed. In many cases the manuscripts prepared under the direction of the bureaus do not see the light of publication for three years. Pressure, it is claimed, is frequently required to rescue the fruits of laborious research, and the author of a timely and well-designed paper is met by most persistent and disheartening dilatoriness.

Esote Slang.

The worst use of slang is not when it is fresh and piquant, but when it becomes stale and passes into the regular vocabulary of the people, to the exclusion of good English, says the Toronto (Ont.) Globe. Such expressions as "I can see his finish," when they are first uttered, are often used with considerable humorous effect. But the language is impoverished and vulgarized by the habitual use of "turn down" for reject, "call down" for a mild rebuke, "roast" for a severe one, etc. After these expressions have been used for a certain time they ought to be taken out of circulation, along with the ragged banknotes.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mr. F. M. Evans left Sunday for Jacksonville, Fla., in hopes that a warmer climate will benefit his health.

Judge Hibbard met with a painful accident today. He was working on a ladder, and in descending his foot slipped and he fell to the ground, breaking one of his wrists and shaking him up severely. The fracture was reduced and the judge is resting comfortably.

Mrs. Mary Sheahan reports the death of a goose which had been a pet in her family for twenty-nine years. He was given to her son, John, when he was a small boy. For some years his gooseship had been stone deaf, and thus deprived of the pleasure of hearing himself squawk.

Mrs. Frances Sedgwick Smith delivered the paper before the Highland Park Woman's Club, Tuesday afternoon. Her subject was "Development of Parliamentary Law in Women's Clubs." The paper was instructive and extremely interesting and all present were much interested. A spirited discussion of the subject followed. Music was furnished by Messrs. Dooley and Prior, mandolin and violin, with Miss Ethel Aldridge as accompanist on the piano.

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ENVY OF PROFESSIONALS.

According to This Authority Architects Have the Least and Actors Have the Most.

An Italian philosopher, Signor Ferriani, has amused himself by constructing a scale of degrees for the measurement of professional envy. The highest point in this envy measurer is ten. Architects are happily placed lowest on the scale. They register only one; advocates, priests and military men are ranged at two; and in the ascending scale he gives us professors of science and literature four; journalists, five; authors, eight; physicians, nine; actors and actresses, ten. The small amount of envy among architects is held to be due to their precise, severe and rigid studies. The same thing applies to advocates. Among the clergy envy is found mostly in preachers. In the military career envy is quiescent in time of peace, but can become acute in time of war. Envy makes men of science and literature lead solitary lives, diffident of each other. Among physicians envy is still more prevalent, and they do not spare their colleagues, often terming them charlatans. In the theatrical world envy, according to Signor Ferriani, reaches its acute form, vanity playing a great part in its production.

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