

**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 knot-ty 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.

**Effete 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.

**MEDAL FOR GOOD NATURE.**

**Youth in School Receives Unusual Recognition for Amiability and Urbanity.**

A medal for pure and unmitigated good nature was awarded, not many days ago, to a youth in a public school. He had not made a note-worthy record for progress in learning; he had not even reached a point beyond the average among his fellows; he had simply eclipsed them all in amiability of the kind that accepted rewards or punishments with urbane and equal philosophy, says Harper's Weekly. And the fact that a medal was deemed not too honorable for him under the circumstances is significant evidence of the high esteem in which good nature is held. How it does oil the creaking wheels of life to be sure! How smooth it makes the path! What a comfortable and comforting companion a truly amiable person is, if he is only a dog! When everything and everybody else have ruffled one the wrong way, and made every individual set of injured feelings one possesses stand up like quills upon the fretful porcupine, how soothing to step into the atmosphere of the amiable person! Senenity enters, peace sets in, you laugh, he laughs, the world turns rose-colored again. Amiability accomplishes what no sermon could. It is an immeasurable influence for good. It is, therefore, with satisfaction that we note the presentation of a medal to the good-natured boy. Why would it not be a valuable custom to introduce into all our schools?

**AN ACT OF PROVIDENCE.**

**The Remarkable Problem That Has Come Before Congress for Settlement.**

A claim has been put in congress and referred to a senate committee which has already been the subject of some very interesting decisions in regard to the true nature of an "act of Providence," reports the Washington Star. The claim is for the loss or damage of two trunks belonging to an army surgeon on the occasion of the great storm at Galveston, Tex., September 8, 1900. The chief quartermaster at San Antonio refused to order a board of survey on the case, as he said the storm was an act of Providence, for which the carrier could not be held responsible. The claimant took exception to this statement.

"It is an article of faith," he said, "with all good Christians, that the ways of Providence are inscrutable and past finding out."

"This last proposition being accepted as a fact by all Christians, I have the honor to maintain that if the storm of September 8, 1900, had been an act of Providence it could not have been foretold by man, whereas, as a matter of fact, it was predicted by the United States weather bureau, and the people of Galveston were warned of the approach and its expected visitance."

In order to more firmly establish his claim that the storm at Galveston was not an act of Providence, the claimant has submitted the full report of the weather bureau descriptive of the catastrophe.

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