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Flip-Flop Machine a Success

Clayton C. Dean, of Ivanhoe, is nearing his ambitions. Some two years ago he conceived the idea that if he could find a docile automobile and sufficiently train it so that it would eat from his hand and do his bidding to the extent of turning somersaults in the air he could get rich. If he could get it to turn somersaults with a man in it he thought he could get richer, and if it could be induced to turn two somersaults with two men in it he would thrive as Croesus.

Yesterday at Libertyville, behind Laycock's machine shop, his automobile at his word of command rose, turned and landed square and carefully—and there was a man in the seat. Clayton C. Dean beamed with joy. It was the first time that a man had dared to ride the bucking autocar. Before he had tried it upon cheap subjects, namely bags of sand.

The young man who rode the car is Hal Crandall, a daring performer of daring tricks, who travels with the mammoth Wallace Hagenbeck shows and earns big money for daily defying death during the show season. With him was Fred O. Greggs, who will act as manager of the performance which the show will put on this coming summer. Mr. Gregg himself is one of the famous Gregg Brothers. "Demon Twins," as the flaring posters define them. The two Greggs present all sorts of daring and dangerous cycle novelties, looping the loop, leaping the gap, and doing various hair-curling stunts for the education of the public.

Hal Crandall, who demonstrated the ability of Mr. Dean's automobile to turn somersaults, will greatly improve the trick. He proposed to turn a double somersault in the car at the top of a tall tower. The car will land upon an inclined plane and shoot down at a terrific rate of speed. At the bottom will be a "gap" and it is over this gap that the car will make its sensational plunge.

In this "thrilling mid-air somersault and leap the gap in an automobile, as the billboards will read, he will be accompanied by a lady to make the stunt more thrilling.

Yesterday at Libertyville the sumersult was highly successful. It worked like a charm, as about half the village which was watching it expectantly will affirm. Mr. Orendell takes naturally to these things. He had never seen the thing work but a couple of times, but it looked good to him and he had faith.

To be sure he was bothered a little by a few broken bones which had not much more than healed, which he received in other experiments, but he joyfully entered into the pastime. His partner, Gregg, has also had his troubles. He showed scars on his head, on his hands, store teeth which replace those he grew and admitted that he was a few ribs short.

Wallace Hagenbeck people will put the act on this summer. With the brains of Crandall and Gregg to conceive sensational features for it, it will be a success. They will have Mr. Dean's

flip flop machine famous before next fall.

The method of somersault turning is simple. A weight of some 1,400 pounds is used upon a lever. are so arranged that with the falling of a lever the autocar is borne skyward, turns and lands upright. To make two turns in the air, a complete double somersault, is but a matter of leverage. It is two somersaults and a downward dash, a leap through space, and a "finis" that will either bring Mr. Crandall big money next fall or furnish another little job for the undertaker and a little work more for the casketmaker.

Our Financial Letter

FOR THE PUBLIC

Wall Street, Feb. 20.—The principal feature of to-day's market was U. S. Printing Co., common, which gained three full points and was steady at the close. The reason generally assigned for this was the announcement that the Union Specific Ry. Co., would increase its capital by printing \$350,000,000 more stock.

Most of the watered stocks showed a decided tendency to seek a lower level, although Rubber evinced great elasticity and was strong on reaction.

Considerable uneasiness was expressed over the popular disapproval of the recent efforts of the Secretary of the Treasury to bolster the market.

U. S. bonds of all kinds were easy money at the City National Bank and were readily discounted. American Consuls for foreign shipment were plentiful.

During the early trading a disquieting rumor was current that a certain prominent financial desperado was suffering from a severe attack of toothache. A decided slump was the result, followed by a complete recovery when the ticker announced reassuringly that the offending molar had been extracted and that the patient was convalescent.

Foreign Titles, common and preferred, were unsettled by rumors of another big divorce scandal. President Roosevelt will be asked to come to the relief of the market by interceding as peacemaker.

ELLIS O. JONES.

A Catch Question

The civil service examiner was determining the fitness of a score of applicants for the police force. He questioned them in arithmetic, spelling and other standard subjects, and then said he would test their hearing. He took his watch from his pocket, and held it to the ear of a tall, handsome young man.

"Do you hear that tick?" he said.

"Yes, perfectly," the young man answered.

He held it a foot from the applicant's ear.

"Still hear it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Now stand back three paces."

The young man did so.

"Now," said the examiner, "do you hear is from that distance."

The applicant listened intently. Then he smiled and nodded, "I still hear it, sir," he said.

"You have the most wonderful hearing I ever came across" said the examiner, enthusiastically. "That watch hasn't been running for three weeks."

Hard Luck Stories

A Michigan exchange prints the following surprising news item:

"John Smith returned last night from Kalamazoo, where he has been working on a steam shovel suffering from inflammatory rheumatism."

It would be interesting to see Mr. Jones giving the poor steam shovel a hot bath or applying mustard plasters to its back.

It is a South Texas paper which furnishes this startling information:

"James Jones of Lake Charles, La., had his interior burnt out last night; loss about \$3,000, fully insured.

Heretofore we have always had the idea that the liquor down there was no worse than in other sections of the country.

What We Eat

A food inspector in Manchester, New Hampshire found one lot of beef and pork in a butcher's stall that was rather questionable. He called in the owner of the place.

"Look here," he said, "what is your opinion of this meat?"

The butcher looked it over.

"I had forgotten all about that," he said. "It is pretty old stock."

"Well what is your opinion of it?"

"My opinion," said the butcher slowly, "is that it is unfit for human food; but it might do for sausage."

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