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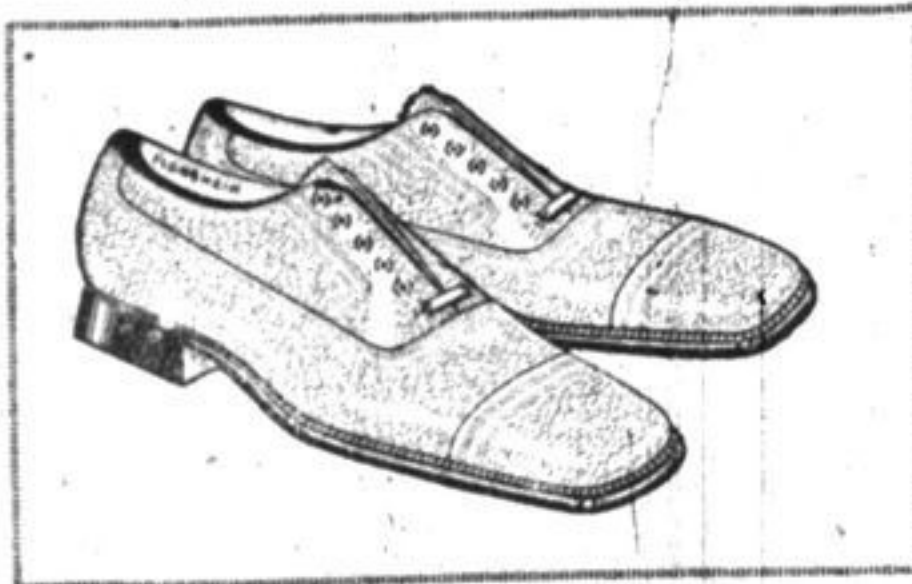
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SARGENT'S FAME AS ARTIST WORLD-WIDE

SALE SHOWS POPULARITY

London Bidders Offer Big Price for Many of His Paintings Following His Death Three are Here

The daily press has given much space lately to the remarkable sale of paintings and drawings in London recently of the works of the late John S. Sargent, the great American painter.

Mr. Sargent, it will be recalled, died suddenly in his London home a short time ago. At the time of his death his estate was valued at \$125,000, not including the paintings and drawings left in his studio and at his home. These have since been put up for sale and extraordinary prices were witnessed at the auction, many bidders running up prices to enormous sums—small canvases selling for as much as \$30,000. In the astonishing total of \$330,000 was realized, bringing the value of the estate up to \$1,000,000.

Mr. Sargent was born in Florence, Italy, in 1856. His father was an American physician who had established a practice in Florence. Throughout his entire life John S. Sargent remained proud of his American citizenship. His art education was begun under Carolus Duran, in Paris, but he was a traveler and in Spain found inspiration in the works of Velasquez and in Holland saw on the art of Hals. Before he was thirty he was an acknowledged master and well on the road to undying fame.

Three Paintings The Art Institute possesses three paintings by Sargent, the most important of which is the portrait of Mrs. Swinton, which was done in 1906, when the painter was at the height of his power. Mrs. Swinton is the wife of an English officer. The painting is life size and the lady is standing, dressed in white and beside a French chair beautifully upholstered, which gives the proper color note to the picture. The gown of the satin dress is wonderfully painted.

Another portrait by Sargent is the gift to the Art Institute of the Friends of American Art. It is a portrait of Mrs. Charles Clifford Dyer, a small canvas painted in Venice in the year 1880, when the artist was just entering upon his successful career. In this painting the artist paid little attention to accessories, holding everything into the background excepting the face and hands, the latter resting upon her lap. There is a depth of spiritual insight shown in the pale features of the lady, with their large haunting eyes, set wide apart, and in the generous head, almost too large for the frail body.

The Fountain The third painting is also the gift of the Friends of American Art and is a figure picture entitled "The Fountain," showing a woman painting upon a canvas placed on an easel, while a man in white coat and white trousers looks lazily on. A fountain shoots a single large stream up in the air just over the man's head. Another fine Sargent entitled "Capri" is in the Francis Wilson loan collection hanging this summer in Gallery G52 at the Art Institute.

FAKE SIGNS CAUSE MOTORIST TROUBLE

Michigan Hot Dog Stands Are Reported Imitating Road Marks

Tourists report to the Chicago Motor club that when the traveler gets into territory east of Michigan City, he finds hot dog stands and other wayside merchants erecting advertising signs which in many cases are imitations of railroad signs and highway danger signs. Last year the club carried on a campaign directed against this sort of advertising, but as the complaints continued to pour in from all over the country, the subject was referred to the American Automobile association. Tourists report that often a motorist seeing pseudo danger signs stops or slows down quickly. Following drivers more familiar with the class of advertising proceed with undiminished speed frequently resulting in accidents. Then, too, when a driver has been tricked into heeding these signs he may disregard real danger signals.

WHAT NEXT?

Is the welcome "Next, long a familiar attribute of the American barber shop, about to disappear?

In a new barber shop being opened in Franklin, Pa., the proprietor has put into effect a system long in use by dentists and other professional men, that of arranging appointments previously with customers. Instead of waiting their turn, his customers can now call him up by telephone and arrange for a hair cut, a shave, or a marcel wave, as the case may be, for a given time so as not to be kept waiting.

The earnestness with which the young crowd argue that superphones are no longer necessary, suggests they are needed more than ever.

NEARLY ONE-HALF FARMS ARE RENTED

Reports of Illinois Agricultural College Regarding This State

Nearly every other farm that one passes on the road in Illinois is rented, according to Robert E. Hudelson, extension specialist in farm organization and management at the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. If farm property in this state is to be maintained on a profitable basis, therefore, it is almost as important for land owners and their tenants to draw up leases that will be leases and not "mining" contracts as it is to carry insurance on the buildings, he pointed out.

More than 100,000 Illinois farms, or about 43 per cent of all those in the state, are rented and most of the leases for these are drawn up in the early fall. Consequently, this is the time of the year for landlords and tenants to consider carefully the many details which can be settled best when the contract is made, Hudelson said.

Chief among details which should be considered are the relative contributions of property and labor of each party to the contract and a corresponding division of income. In this connection it is important to keep in mind the protection of future income by upkeep of soil and improvements. No two farms are alike and standard printed lease forms need much revision. Adaptable forms which can easily be made to fit most farms have been prepared by the college.

It is true that the chief purpose of the lease contract is to divide the income from the leased farm justly between the landlord and the tenant. What is just as important, however, is that the lease determines whether or not the farm property shall be maintained in a state to continue producing income.

Reduced productivity and eventually a diminished income invariably are the best result of a short term lease with no restrictions as to cropping systems, removal of crops or the return of fertility.

LAKE COUNTY MAN IS CROP OBSERVER

Appointed by Agricultural Foundation to Report on Conditions of Farms

Appointment of L. R. Burris of Waukegan, as crop observer in Lake county for the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation Index, is announced from Chicago by P. V. Ewing, director of research for the foundation and editor of the Index. He will form a link in the nationwide chain of county agricultural observers elected because of his first-hand knowledge of farming conditions and his ability to observe these and intelligently interpret them.

The Index, to which the observer from this county will contribute, is a compilation of the monthly reports of 3,650 observers in every section of the country, and this number is being added to steadily. All the observers are practical, thinking, farm-minded men, each chosen because of the opportunities he has to observe the needs of agriculture in his own locality and for his ability to apply economic principles to current farm problems. As a group, they represent a cross-section of the thoughts that the man in the furrow is thinking, and their joint analysis of existing agricultural conditions, as expressed in the Index, is considered a forward step in helping agriculture help itself.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Some boy or girl in some high school in Illinois is going to get \$100 for writing 200 words. That's fifty cents a word. The offer has been made by the new industries committee of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. The subject to write on is "Why New Industries should Come to My City." First prize will be \$100, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25.

The prize winning "story" will get wide publicity and ought to be of great value to the town in which the winner lives. Each high school will hold a preliminary contest and pick a winning essay. Then a committee will select the state winners from these.

The first ten essays will be published with the pictures of the winners. For further information write Contest Editor, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, 10 S. LaSalle St., Chicago.

THEY'RE RIGHT

German investigators conclude that the participation of the American Army in the World War brought about Germany's defeat. It is a finding which demonstrates that Germans are sometimes right.—Boston Transcript.

POLE PRESERVATION

Preservative treatment of telephone poles and crossarms greatly prolongs their life. It is estimated that twenty-five million dollars will be saved by such treatment of the poles and crossarms now in service in the Bell system.

ALWAYS LOCK CAR WHEN YOU LEAVE IT

HELPS TO FOIL THIEVES

Some of the Schemes Adopted by Auto Stealers Described; How Slick Crooks Get Away With Them

Automobile stealing is a business that despite the Dyer act goes on at an astonishingly fast gait throughout the country, according to the legal department of the Chicago Motor Club. The unlocked car, of course, is the greatest source of supply.

Many car owners think because the ignition is turned off that the thief is foiled, whereas, any one with slight mechanical ability can start a car without a key. The most common method is to run a wire from the ammeter to the coil, but there are numerous other schemes equally effective.

"Make it a habit of locking your car, and following a psychological law, it will be practically impossible to forget to lock it," says the club bulletin. "Lock it at all times, even when you are going to be in view of the car while you leave it for a few minutes, then you will never forget it when you are going to be away from it for hours.

"Even cars that are locked are stolen. Some thieves operate in this fashion. They drive a car of some popular make, and in driving along they see another car as like their own as the proverbial two peas in the pod. They stop behind it, or on a corner directly opposite from the car they intend to steal. Then they go to a telephone and call a tow car, giving the description of the car. Perhaps they conveniently forget their own license number, but at any rate, they see to it that their own car is left untouched, while the other one is picked up. They stroll up to the men on the tow truck and tell them they will ride with them to the garage. It is easy for them to manufacture some reason for towing the car, and once at the garage the unsuspecting proprietor gives the supposed owner the car whenever he demands it.

Slick Crooks "Should the irate owner appear on the scene as his car is being towed, the thieves get themselves out of their predicament neatly and quickly by passing the blame on to the stupidity of the garage mechanics in picking up the wrong car. This story is generally accepted by the real owner who sees how much alike the two cars are.

"Automobile thieves have taken advantage of conditions in towns where garages make a practice of delivering cars to boarders at their homes. Many times the owner will instruct the garage attendants to put his keys in the mail box at a certain time. The thieves make a survey of the situation, and are often able to step into the vestibule, a minute or two before the owner comes down to get his car. They get the keys and are away from the scene of the theft in a minute.

How Reported "In reporting a stolen car in Chicago, the police insist upon the following procedure: First of all, one must call in person at the station in the district in which the theft occurs. Telephone calls are not sufficient. Then the motorist must be able to give his license number and the motor and serial number. Without these numbers, the police are unable to list the theft in the bulletin which is received by police officials in every part of the United States.

"Thousands of cars are recovered but in numerous instances the owner does not get his property back because the thieves have made such damages in the car that it is impossible to identify it. Every motorist should have a secret number placed somewhere on the car. In case his car is stolen this number would serve as a means of identification."

EMMERSON REPORTS UPON SECURITIES

Interesting Information Regarding This Department of His Office

Secretary of State, Louis L. Emerson, has just issued a very interesting account of the conduct of the Securities department of his office.

Since the inception of the Securities department six years ago, this department has passed on securities to be offered for sale or proposed for offering to the investing public, amounting to over two and a quarter billion dollars and it is estimated by the department that in addition to this there have been securities amounting to \$225,000,000 not offered because the promoters feared they could not meet the requirements of this stringent law.

The report shows that during the six year period ending June 10, 1925, there were a total of 2961 applications presented for filing. Of this number, 2007 applications were filed, while 954 were refused.

During this time persons or firms offering speculative securities were required to place in escrow stock amounting to \$34,897,639.



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