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**FOUNTAIN PENS IN
 NEW COLORS SHOWN
 ARE CHEMICAL TRIUMPH**

Use of New Type of Material
 Makes Possible Variety of
 Shades, Explained; Also
 Very Durable

The beauty of colors and the romance of chemistry nestles in the vest pocket that carries the fountain pen. The United States Census of Manufactures shows that \$48,731,957 worth of pyroxilin solutions and plastics was produced in the United States last year. Advances from industrial sources indicate that about three-fourths of a million pounds of pyroxilin plastics are used annually in the manufacturing of fountain pens and that 90 per cent of all the manufacturers are using this chemical product in preference to the older types of fabricating material. The new fountain pens are being produced in many attractive colors including jade, lacquer-red, the pastel shades of mauve, blue, magenta, beige-gray and coral. In fact the seven prismatic colors of the rainbow would find only discouragement in trying to compete with the color schemes shown in window displays of fountain pens.

The new chemical products in fountain pens have the ability to withstand rough usage. In one instance a fountain pen was dropped 3,000 feet from an aeroplane and remained intact. In another case a manufacturer ran a heavy fire truck over the barrel and cap of a pen made of this material without cracking it. Other tests consisted of dropping the material from a twenty-five story building and when it hit neither the cement sidewalk nor the pyroxilin substance was injured. The material used in the caps and barrels of these pens has a resistance of approximately 800 pounds to a square inch.

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
 WIDESPREAD IN U. S.**

Still Lack of Accommodation
 Necessitates Half-Time
 Classes in Places

School construction has been active in the United States in the past two years. New school buildings erected in 281 cities of 10,000 or more population—cost \$245,811,715, an average of \$875,000 per building.

Recent movements in city school systems by W. S. Deffenbaugh, chief of city school division of the U. S. Bureau of Education, Interior Department, published as Bulletin 1927, No. 8.

Of the buildings erected, 432 were for elementary schools, 165 for junior high schools. The average cost of the 724 buildings was \$339,519 per building. If similar activity existed in cities of this size from which no reports were received, 1,380 new school buildings were erected in this country during the biennium, 1924-1926, at a total expenditure of \$714,314,365.

Notwithstanding this great activity in city school construction, inadequate school facilities necessitated part-time instruction of a number of elementary children in 67 of the 404 cities reporting, and of high-school pupils in 19 of the cities for which statistics are available.

In this city the colored schools show larger registrations and attendance per room and more pupils and less space, per teacher, than do the white schools.

**CLEVELAND DISCOVERS
 MODESTY NOT SO GOOD**

Spent Much Money to Let World
 Know It Was Sixth City;
 Finds It's Fifth

"There is great danger in being too modest and danger in being too vociferous in boosting your home town," Euclid avenue business men in Cleveland told Frederick Lewis, of the Woman's Home Companion, while he was there recently preparing an article on the growth of the city.

"We started a movement once," said a Clevelander, "to emphasize the fact that Cleveland was the sixth city in size in the United States. We spent fortunes in disseminating slogans which contained reminders of this fact. Business houses issuing catalogues insisted that those sending for lists of their products write, not to such and such a number, such and such a street, Cleveland, but to the address in 'Cleveland, the Sixth City.'

"It took several years, but the boosters finally began getting the idea over. Judging from results, almost everybody in the United States realized the rank of Cleveland among its sister cities.

"Then, one morning when the merchants picked up their newspapers, they found they had been barking up the wrong tree all those years. Cleveland wasn't the Sixth City at all. It was the fifth."

**SENTENCE 91 STUDENTS
 TO GAIN TON IN WEIGHT**

Sentencing of 91 students preparing to enter Dartmouth college to gain one ton of weight before the opening of last year's term, has had

**WEALTHY NEW YORK
 MEN TURN CARPENTERS**

Help To Rebuild Old Landmark
 In Mountain District
 For Owner

Wealthy New Yorkers living in their comfortable homes in the mountain districts turned carpenters recently to restore a humble old barn more than one hundred and fifty years old on the estate of Jonas Clum, one of the early settlers of the district.

It was after a terrific thunder storm at night, says the American Magazine, that the residents of the countryside noticed that Clum's barn, topping a nearby hill, had disappeared, leaving a vacancy that marred the landscape of which they had become so fond. A delegation was formed to visit the old resident, who admitted that he was unable to rebuild the old structure. "I'll just have to keep less cattle," he said philosophically.

The New York men offered funds and themselves organized an old fashioned "barn raising," many of them showing skill with carpenter tools they had not touched in years.

"Clum Hill is a sort of Mecca; not only a beauty spot itself but also a point from which to get a glorious panorama of mountains and valleys, forests and meadows, and the changing sky overhead," said one of the wealthy workmen. "Most of us live in cities. We buy our food at the grocery, the bakery, the market. We have forgotten the farms; forgotten our great-grandfathers, who cut those farms out of the wilderness. Many of us have forgotten also the traditions of simple, honest, hardy living. We are looking for the easy way."

**HUMAN APPETITE TURNS
 FROM MEAT TO CHICKEN**

Fowl Long a Delicacy Now Article
 of Daily Diet in
 Many Homes

The human appetite is turning from meat to chicken. Chicken which on city menus in the past was a feast day rarity has now become a feature of the daily diet. In 1905, two thousand carloads of poultry supplied the markets of New York City for the year. The New Yorkers now are eating one thousand carloads of poultry a month, sixty million dollars' worth a year, for which the poultry men are receiving two hundred thousand dollars every market day. Once again, however, as is usual, the American farmer has to fight to protect this market from foreign competition. From the Argentine and other South American countries, from Mexico and from Cuba great shipments of poultry are being forwarded to the United States in the attempt to capture this market.

This time, happily, the farmers, profiting from their experiences in defending their butter, egg and other dairy products activities through increased tariff rates, have filed a formal petition for an increase in the

tariff giving sober and serious consideration. It is in the protection of an industry of this character that the advantages of the tariff are made self evident, even to those who under the stress of temporary discouragement, are otherwise inclined to think of tariff rates as a selfish Eastern fabrication for eastern interests.

The etiquette editor informs anxious inquirers, that if they will persist in putting their knives in their mouths, they should have the edges thereof carefully blunted so as not to cut their lips.

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