

HAS PLAN TO SOLVE PARKING CONGESTION

AUTO-TOWER DEVICE IDEA

Former Head of Piggly-Wiggly Forms Corporation to Finance Erection of New Type Garage

Solution of the automobile parking problem of America may go to a million dollar Memphis organization, the Auto-Tower Corporation, whose president, Clarence Saunders, millionaire grocer, has announced the sale of 15,000 shares of stock and is ready to launch the adventure.

Erection and sale on a royalty operation basis of steel constructed towers with a series of lifts or spaces in two parallel sections and connected on an endless chair system—operating much the same as the ferris wheel—is the basis on which the corporation is formed, says a dispatch to International News.

Saunders, who owns a chain of grocery stores, former president of the Piggly-Wiggly corporation, has demonstrated the feasibility of the device in a working model and it has been passed on favorably by some of the leading engineers of the country.

Approved By Engineers

J. E. Morton is inventor of the new parkway system. He holds patents and the corporation has purchased manufacturing and sales rights for the entire United States.

E. L. Harrison, engineer and architect, will start work immediately on the construction of a full-size, electrically operated, demonstration unit capable of holding 20 cars. This will be demonstrated to business men throughout the United States.

The device takes up about the same space as two parked autos in the congested business district. The patents provide for a special device which permits the cars to be sent up one side and down the other.

The car cross at both the top and bottom and can come down either side of the tower.

Saunders announced that 5,000 shares of Class A common stock and 10,000 shares of Class B had been sold to business men of Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.

Long Experiments

Officials of the company have been experimenting with the new invention for more than six months. Saunders issued the following statement about the invention:

"Occupying a minimum of space and labor the operation is as simple as that of automatic elevators. We believe it is going to be one of the biggest things the country has ever seen. Traffic experts, engineers, electrical and mechanical experts have seen and praised it.

"It is the greatest solution of the rapidly growing auto parking problem ever advanced."

MAN-EATING TREE PROVED TO BE MYTH

BY EXPEDITION LEADER

But Many Other Kinds Found in Far Places About Which Natives Have Legends Less Tragic

"If you aren't good the devil-tree will get you," or words to that effect may be the warning given children by mothers of some of the wild native tribes of Africa, Asia, Java, Madagascar and the back country of Australia. Certain trees are believed to be bewitched, the abodes of devils or evil spirits; other tribes, however, venerate trees as the abodes of gods or good spirits.

Among the trees about which such superstitions have arisen are the silk cottons, a family of many species found in various tropical climes. They are characterized by large leaves which by a stretch of the imagination such as primitive peoples are capable of may be considered to resemble human hands, being divided into four, five or six fingers. They have large showy flowers with five petals, sometimes a brilliant red, and capular fruits full of a cottony or woolly substance which feels like silk to the touch, whence they get their name.

Worshipped by Natives

It is these peculiarities which make them feared or worshipped by natives. The trees are of giant size, and from them are obtained a few economic products, such as balsa wood and kapok, the latter often used in manufacturing mattresses, cushions and life preservers. Specimen branches of the trees as they appear in life, their leaves, flowers, fruits and wood, collected in Africa, India, Java, Australia, Panama, West Indies and Florida form one of the exhibits in the department of botany at Field Museum of Natural History.

A wild story about the existence in Madagascar of a "man-eating tree," which gained considerable credence even in Europe and America, was recently proven baseless by investigations of Dr. Ralph Linton, leader of the Captain Marshall Field Madagascar Expedition.

ZONE BOARD TURNS DOWN HOTEL PLAN

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ing Ordinance has worked any practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship in connection with the particular property upon which the proposed building is to be erected. The appellant through counsel confined his claim and argument in favor of the issuance of the building permit to a discussion of the meaning and intent of the present ordinance and to the inappropriateness of certain provisions of the ordinance if they should be construed to prohibit the erection of a hotel building of as many as five stories in height.

Intensity of Use

It was conceded at the hearing that the plans as presented to the Building Inspector and to the Appeal Board show a greater intensity of use of the lot than the 90 per cent of the area of the lot permitted by Section 6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Highland Park as it now exists. This in itself would in the opinion of the Board justify denying the appeal. But it is deemed advisable by the Board of Appeals that it should go on record with respect to the further point which was made, to-wit: Section 7 of the Zoning Ordinance covering the erection of buildings within any local business district reads as follows:

"Height: No building shall hereafter be erected, or altered to exceed forty-five (45 feet) in height or three stories."

The property in question is within the local business district. The plans provide for a building of five stories. Counsel for appellant claim that the restriction of three stories is inappropriate and unreasonable, and further claims that under the provisions of Section 9 of the ordinance the restriction to three stories should be

deemed to have been written out of the ordinance by that part of section 1 which reads as follows: "Buildings owned by public or semi-public organizations, or public service buildings, hotels, churches, hospitals sanitariums, or schools may be erected to a height not exceeding sixty (60) feet."

Adheres to 3 Stories

In the judgment of the Board the intent of the ordinance to limit buildings to three stories seems to be manifest, and the language making exceptional provisions for additional height does not in our judgment necessarily indicate an intent to permit any increase in the number of stories. It seems to us that it could easily be contemplated that buildings of the character named in paragraph 1 of section 9 might very well have quite a considerable height and yet be limited to not exceeding three stories. It seems to us that had the council intended the restrictions to be not exceeding three stories to be modified by the other provisions of the ordinance it would have so stated in section 9, whereas the exceptions appear by the heading to be limited simply to height and area.

Although it appears to us that the proposed plans do not conform to the Zoning Ordinance in certain other respects mentioned below, we do not now specifically discuss these points. We have in mind the sections specifying requirements for courts and side yards, and certain provisions in Section 10 (a), (b) and (c).

Rejection Approved

It is Ordered That The Action Of The Building Inspector In refusing To Issue A Permit Be And The Same Is Hereby Approved.

Signed Thos. Creigh, Chairman
Raymond E. Herman
R. W. Flinn
Geor. R. Roberts
C. S. Beach.

Dated at Highland Park, Ill., May 24, 1928.

ANCIENT CHINESE ROUND BED WARMER

IS LIKE ROLLING STOVE

Sample of This Unique Device Shown in Field Museum Is Cleverly Constructed; Description

A way of taking a coal or charcoal fire right to bed with one on chilly nights, without endangering either oneself or the bedclothes, was devised by the ingenious Chinese hundreds of years ago. It was done by means of a cleverly contrived bed-warmer, which might be described as a rolling stove, an example of which is to be found in the Blackstone Chinese collections at Field Museum of Natural History.

The device consists of a hollow sphere of brass, cut out in rosette-like designs to let air in and heat out. The sphere is composed of halves which fasten together. Utilizing the same principle upon which a ship's compass is suspended on gimbals so that in whatever direction the ship may pitch or roll the compass face always comes to normal level, a round brass bowl is suspended on two brass hoops inside the sphere, one within and perpendicular to the other. The outer hoop is riveted to two lugs, projecting from the inside of the lower hemisphere, and the inner loop moves on a pivot connecting it with the outer hoop. The bowl, in which is placed the burning coal or charcoal, is encircled by the inner loop.

Ingenious Device

After the halves of the sphere are fastened together, it may be rolled and kicked about at will, and the fire-laden bowl swings freely and independently of the sphere's motion, never turning upside down. According to Dr. Berthold Laufer, curator of anthropology, the Chinese styled the device "brazier-reclining-on-the-mattress" and "brazier-in-the-bedclothes." Its original invention goes back to a clever mechanic who lived in the first century of our era. It was used chiefly during the Ming period, 1368-1643.

Dr. Laufer points out that the suspension principle used, known to science as "Cardan's suspension" through erroneous attribution of its invention to Girolamo Cardano, scientific and philosophical dilettante who lived in Italy from 1501 to 1576,

thus was actually known hundreds of years before him. Not only the ancient Chinese used it, but it was known to the earlier Hellenic mechanics of the Alexandrian epoch, from whom the Chinese may have learned it. The principle is still used for the compass and other instruments aboard ship.

The American people are willing to climb very high, provided they can be carried up in an automobile.

Urge Farm Day

Farm interests have asked Congress to designate a national "Agricultural Day" to encourage consideration of the basic relationship of farming and agriculture to the well-being of the Nation. It is sought to establish "Agricultural Day" as a legal holiday and the Senate has already passed a resolution requesting the President to designate the first Thursday in October of each year.

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