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FORTUNES CAME WITH THE IDEAS

Inventions That Have Been Worth Millions to the Men Who Owned Them

The report that an invention for making salt has recently been sold to an American syndicate for no less than \$5,000,000 once again illustrates the remarkable value of good ideas in these days of keen competition in the commercial world. Of course, all think out time and labor-saving devices which are going to bring us in a cool million, but we can keep our eyes open for useful inventions which, although they may not at the moment seem very profitable, may prove little gold-mines; for the fact should not be overlooked that some enormous fortunes have been made from little things. Simple toys, puzzles, and games, have often proved such a success as to put thousands of dollars into the pockets of their inventors. The man who invented the tin rattle for babies retired with a quarter of a million of money, while the man who thought out the idea of the returning ball, which consisted of an ordinary rubber or wooden ball to which was attached a long elastic cord, profited to the extent of \$50,000 per annum. The flying top had a rush of popularity which enabled its inventor to live in the lap of luxury for the remainder of his life, while the once popular toy known as "Dancing Jim Crow" is said to have yielded its patentee an annual income of upwards of \$75,000.

Inventor of Roller Skates
It is not so many years ago that everyone laboriously laced his own boots from the lowest hole to the top. There was none of that lightning crossing of the laces into the neat little hooks with which the modern lace-boot is provided. The inventor of the boot-hook, H. A. Snipp, sold his patent outright for the sum of \$250, and the purchasers are said to have made \$1,250,000 out of the idea.

When Harvey Kennedy introduced the shoe-lace he made \$2,500,000, and Mr. Plimpton, the inventor of the roller-skate, made a similar fortune out of his idea. Probably our readers will remember a legal action which too kplace some years ago, when in the course of the evidence it transpired that the inventor of the metal plates used for protecting the soles and heels of shoes from wear sold 12,000,000 plates in 1879, and in 1887 the number reached a total of 143,000,000, which realized profits of \$1,150,000 for the year.

Easily Rewarded
But the inventor does not always reap such magnificent rewards for his genius. Take the case of Mr. J. Longridge, the famous engineer, who invented the wire-wound gun, for instance. Longridge invented the gun in 1854, and did all in his power to place it before the authorities, but they would have nothing to do with it. Thirty years afterwards, however, the Ordnance Department at Woolwich, subjected one of the guns to exhaustive tests, and so satisfactory were the results that they declared that nothing could equal it for heavy ordnance. Unfortunately, the inventor died from a broken heart before this end was attained.

In all the world's history, however, there is no more startling instance of ingratitude and forgetfulness than the history of Henry Cort, a native of Gosport. He expended the whole of his private fortune of \$100,000 in perfecting his inventions for puddling iron and rolling it into bars and plates. Then he was robbed of the fruits of his toil by the villainy of certain Government officials, and in the end left to starve. This was in 1784. Since that day Cort's inventions have conferred upon Great Britain an amount of wealth equivalent to \$3,500,000,000, and given constant employment to about 600,000 workmen for the past four generations.

DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES

The Great Precautions that Have to be Taken by Workmen

On the outside of the wrapping of frozen dynamite feathery crystals gather. These crystals are called "whiskers," and they are more "irritable" than dynamite itself. So touchy are they that anybody treading heavily near them is sufficient to set them off by concussion.

Cordite is another dangerous explosive, more so during its manufacture than after. Easy as it is to handle in its final form it is a favorite explosive with anarchists and bomb-throwers. It is made from a mixture of nitroglycerine, gun-cotton, and vaseline.

The nitro-glycerine store is a most extraordinary building, buried literally under a mound and reached by a bricked-in passage through the earth. Nitro-glycerine itself is an almost colorless liquid, and so careful are the men who handle it, that if a single drop falls on the leaden floor it is at once wiped up with a damp rag. All the water that comes from this underground building is carefully drained into a neighboring pond, and every week this is blown up by dynamite on account of the dangerous explosive matter contained in it.

Even in the manufacture of such a comparatively "harmless" explosive as gunpowder the greatest precautions have to be taken. On entering the building where the powder is being turned out, all matches, pipes, and any steel instruments have to be given up, and special boots have to be put on to prevent any grit reaching the soft leather floor of the buildings.

Machine Reads Character

Appraising human beings under one classification or another is a favorite pastime of many investigators. The Popular Mechanics Magazine contains a picture of a machine which an Englishman uses to read character. Color affords the test, and the result shows the subject's degree of "preservation," on which his status depends.

TIPS ON OCEAN LINERS

Some of the Stewards Make Big Money from Passengers

To tip or not to tip? That is the question which is agitating the minds at the present time of tourists between Europe and America. And it would certainly seem that travellers have just cause for complaint, judging by the tips which are expected of them. Upon an Atlantic liner one pays at least \$10 in tips after a seven days' journey. This is made up as follows: Bed-room steward, \$2.50; table steward, \$2.50; deck steward, \$1.25; boots, \$1.25; library steward, \$1.25; smoking-room steward, \$1.25. That is the average man's scale. Passengers occupying expensive suites of rooms often give five times as much.

Indeed, there is no limit to the amount of money which a steward who has a knack of making himself useful to passengers can annex. Two hundred or three hundred dollars a voyage is often made by first-class stewards, and one of them did so well that he not only purchased a big boat out of his savings, but sent his sons to one of the leading colleges.

There was a story told in a Liverpool court some time ago of an American passenger on one of the liners who distributed over \$35 in tips, and then took it back because he said he was badgered for more. There is certainly no compulsion to tip, and the rule with most companies is that the steward who solicits fees renders himself liable to instant dismissal. A judicious tip, however, adds much to the pleasure of a voyage, and the bedroom stewards are usually very lucky. Each has about twelve passengers to look after, most of whom tip with sums ranging from \$3 to \$6.

BETTER BE SINCERE

Strength Lies in Character; Deceit in Weakness

Nothing adds so much to one's personal power as the knowledge that one is absolutely sincere. If your life is a perpetual sham and deceit, if you know that you are not what you pretend to be, you cannot be strong or exercise any real influence. Others will find you out.

If there is a mote in your eye, set about trying to remove it. Don't fence with it, end try to deceive yourself that it is not there. Other people see it, if you don't.

If there is a continual struggle going on inside you as to whether you are really honest with yourself or not, be sure that there is something wrong. Endeavor to eradicate this.

If you do not trust yourself, you will be unable to look the world in the face. You will "shuffle" out of things, and in time will become so shy that your whole moral being will be besmirched.

Strength lies in character. Deceit is weakness; sham and pretence are enfeebling. Only the genuine and sincere are worth while. Be true to yourself always; then there will be no looking back or turning away to avoid the searching glance of those who are really true.—Home Companion.

PERJURY SYNDICATE

Men Who Manufactured Evidence for Use in Constantinople

A "perjury syndicate," which did a flourishing business in manufactured evidence supplied to litigants at the law-courts in Constantinople, has just come to an end through internal disagreement, and details of its peculiar methods are published. The personnel of the syndicate was composed of pensioned ushers and other petty officials attached to the courts. This organization devotes itself to providing, at reasonable charges, witnesses for the services of litigants who arrive at court insufficiently provided with testimony. The society's agents are to be found outside the doors of all branches of the judiciary, including those dealing with divorce and chancery cases, and by reason of the extensive experience of its members, gained by long service in official posts of trust, it is able to supply any class of evidence desired, not as un-intelligent perjury, but in a form appropriate to the usual preference of the particular judge detailed to try the case. The success of the society has so widened its sphere of operations that its terms are now on a low cash basis. The charges for even the highest class of testimony supplied—that in divorce proceedings—are so reasonable, that for two medjidihs (\$1.50) a head the society will provide a petitioning wife with eye-witnesses, or a straightforward and convincing simplicity of bearing, of the actual respondent required to secure the desired separation.

The collapse of this organization is due to internal dissension among its members as to whether the basis of the division of profits should take account of the additional strain and conscience and religious conviction entailed by the more complicated cases submitted to the society, or whether regard should be had only to time spent in attendance at court. This dispute led to a brawl, which attracted the attention of the police. Without a single exception, all the members of the society have offered to give evidence for the Crown, and so high an appreciation of each other's abilities is shown by the late associates of the disbanded enterprise that the most intricate and harrowing revelations have been promised to the authorities by ex-members eager to obtain the benefits of service in the witness-box. It is stated that with the dissolution of this association the main supplementary source of livelihood for a large number of meagerly pensioned court officials in Constantinople has been removed.

Wine and Food

In the French Army nearly three times as much is spent on wine as on bread, vegetables, and preserved food put together.

SEEDS

at The Central Drug Store

We would draw your attention to the fact that the price of Clover and Timothy Seed is advancing rapidly.

We have bought early from the best and most reliable seedsmen in the province, a large consignment of Timothy, Red Clover, Mammoth, Alsike and Alfalfa lover.

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Summer Goods

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Ladies' embroidered in white and black, and plain black and tan.

Our wear-well for women, girls and boys are what their name means; you will not be disappointed in them.

Ladies' Summer Vests, with-out sleeves, with short sleeves and long sleeves.

We have a few Ladies' Waists left—only 25. If you want one don't delay.

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Men's White Shirts, Outing and Working Shirts, Men's Bal-brigan Underwear, Men's Summer-weight Wool Shirts, Men's Cotton half Hose, Men's Cash-mere and Wool Hose, Men's and Boy's Straw Hats.

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NEWS AR

New potatoes for sale.—Apply C. W. Lang.

Apprentice wanted.—To smithing and plumbing. Apply to N. E. Starnall Durham.

Last week Mr. Ed. Kress received an anonymous communication with five dollars enclosed, as donation towards the re-seating Trinity church.

For sale.—One White "Challenger" threshing separator, thirty inch cylinder, in good repair, sell cheap. Apply to H. Johnston, Vickers, Ontario.

St. Paul's church, Egremont, are holding their annual party this Thursday evening, at the premises of Mr. Jas. Tuck Hutton Hill and Green Gr. baseball teams will play for prize. Game called at 6 o'clock sharp. Hooper Bros' string will be present and play.

The second lacrosse match between the Durham and Hano teams took place on the Hano grounds on Friday evening. The home team winning 9 to 1. So as we can ascertain, the Durham team played a good game during the first quarter, but blew up the remainder of the contest.

Mr. J. Shearer, of the Public Works Department, was in town Thursday, looking after a salary for a new post office. That we had the pleasure of an hour's conversation with him didn't learn much, as Mr. Shearer is a veritable Sphinx, when comes to keeping his mouth shut on Government business. When he didn't tell us which site caught his attention most, he did say that there were several desirable sites in town to choose from.

Confirmation services were held in St. Paul's church, Egremont, at Trinity church, Durham, on Thursday, the Bishop of Hur officiating and preaching forcefully and plain sermons. Twenty-four candidates were confirmed in all. At Trinity church the Bishop dedicated the new pulpit, lectern, and prayer desk which were installed in time to be used for the first time at the service. These, with the new pews make a wonderful improvement in the interior of the church. The dedicated parts are of solid oak while the pews ends are also of the body being ash. The pews are very comfortable, and of a churchly design.

The races scheduled for July 27th, Civic Holiday, have been called off, on account of lack of accommodation for those who would attend. This was the decision of the committee on Saturday morning, when it was learned that accommodation could be given outside crowd at the Hall House, our principal hostelry. The committee report that the people this year were very generous when the subscription was placed in front of them, and with good purses, and a fit day these races would have eclipsed anything ever held here before. We understand that over thirty horses were promised for the various events.

Ye Editor went to Clarkston last week to visit his father, brothers, sisters, and a host of other friends and relatives. Father is a man of eighty-six years of age but he can see, hear, eat, sleep and talk apparently as well as when he was a much younger man. His memory seems to be as good as it ever was; in fact some think he remembers things too well. He is not able to walk without crutches being crippled with rheumatism and stiffened up with hard work which seemed to be the joy of his younger days. He goes to church on Sunday mornings and to see him spend half an hour hobbling a few rods might bring shame to others who could make the trip without effort, but fail to do so. He is truly a wonderful old man and seems as though he might live for many years yet. He likes to drive and sticks to his job when he sees an auto on the road.