

WHERE THE WHEAT GOES

ELABORATE MACHINERY THAT RECEIVES IT AT LONDON.

Strange Barge Interviews the Wheat Laden Vessels on Their Arrival and by Means of Ingenious Devices Believes Them of Their Burden—All the Old System of Lightening is Done Away With.

Grain flows in a vast storm from Canada to London. How is it handled on its arrival here? Five years ago there was towed across the Thames from Millwall to the Barge Commercial Docks a curious vessel, rather larger than an ordinary sailing-barge, the hull low in the water, a great square iron tank at both ends, above her iron decks were no masts and spars, neither had she at all the appearance of an ordinary steamship.

All other craft drew aside, as slowly and making heavy weather of the running-tide, this stranger of all vessels passed from bank to bank and made its first and only voyage in safety. This was the new pneumatic elevator for grain built by the East Ferry Docks, Ltd.

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With each breath from the top of the other two chimneys came filmy rings, such as rings of smoke are blown by a cigarette-smoker—the four great air-cylinder in the hold of the elevator had been set at work. A few seconds later, through one of the six shafts over the heads of the little group of dockers, swish! came the grain, 24 lb., equivalent to a sack of four bushels of wheat.

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The grain, sucked up out of the ship, was being blown by the exhaust air from the cylinders, up the two pipes into the receiving tanks and shot into the warehouse—this at the rate of 160 tons an hour. So fast did the elevators blow the grain that it was found impossible to deal with it in any ordinary warehouse. The cost of such an elevator is about \$135,000, and a crew of twelve men is required.

The air-cylinders exhaust the air from the canisters. Air then strives to rush up these pipes, whose ends are down in the hold of the vessel—this in order to fill the vacuum caused in the canisters. But as the ends of the tubes are in the grain, the grain also gets drawn up with the air.

Two many people do not have to be lead into temptation, but, to the contrary, go voluntarily. The man anxious to come back for the money in it may find the peddler's highway blocked.

WITH THE SOOTHSAYERS. Quaint Horoscopes of King George and Queen Mary.

The stars are favorable to a glorious reign by King George and Queen Mary. At least, that is the conclusion come to by the editor of "Modern Astrology," who has been casting the horoscopes of their Majesties. Apparently King George "has an indefatigable energy, and his chief quality is his love of his subjects."

Queen Mary will make an ideal queen. Here is her character and future as indicated by the stars: "The Queen has a strong will and decided opinions, and a quiet, firm, and determined nature. In disposition she is open, frank, truthful, and self-contained. She is very faithful in all her friendships, constant in her attachments, a shrewd judge of human nature, and rather reserved in her estimate of the character of others. The poet and all who suffer will be glad to know that Queen Mary's chief concern will be the welfare of her people. A good nurse and an excellent mother, she is sympathetic towards the sorrowful."

Regarding the young Prince of Wales, it is prophesied that his marriage will take place in his twenty-third year. He will thus marry under the most favorable auspices. His education will be of the highest order, and his character will be of the most exceptional ability, and his mind being so very intuitive and receptive, he will absorb knowledge quickly, turning his attention to original and unconventional thoughts, and cultivating a free and original style in his writing.

A Strenuous Life. A remarkable career has been that of Captain Pentecost, commander of the Cunard liner Saxonia, who has retired from the company's service. He was born in Sydney, N.S.W., joined the Cunard in 1896, being appointed commander in 1904. While in Burma he was attacked by the Irrawaddy flu, a disease which also a first master certificate for the inland waters of Burma.

King of Mississippi. Toby, an old and decrepit aboriginal, said to be 85 years of age, recently died in the black camp at Bowville, N.S.W. The deceased was a very old man. To the oldest inhabitants of the Namboocua River he has always been regarded as exceptionally ancient.

Presenting Cullinan Jewels. Sir Richard Solomon, High Commissioner of the Union of South Africa, has had the honor the other week, on behalf of the Government and people of the Union of South Africa, of presenting to Her Majesty the Queen, in commemoration of the Union of the South African colonies, six diamonds mounted as ornaments and cut out of the well-known Cullinan stone, which was discovered early in 1905 in Premier Diamond mine, near Pretoria.

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IN LOVE AND WAR.

All Is Fair, He Said, and His Sweetheart Agreed.

By KATE M. CLEARY. Doris was singing as she came flying down the wide stairway and out into the warm brilliance of the young day, for it was midsummer, the time of roses, of fragrance, of romance.

"You poor little thing!" The compassion in his voice thrilled her—just and something more. "Don't you know—you do know, my darling—that you are going to marry me?" Then he had her in his arms and was holding her close in their strong and sheltering embrace.

"Bon jour!" she cried blithely and paused in her Strauss-like flight. "Mercy! What a morning to be poring over a book! Why, instead you should—" "I know!" He had risen and was lowering before her, straight and stately, a man with an air that was more that of a soldier than a student. "You think I should prefer to cultivate Dame Nature."

"The permission is tempting," confessed John Jardine, "but there is Freddie—" "Oh, if you prefer Freddie's society to mine!" The little chin with the dimple went up in the air. "But I'm paid to teach your brother, Miss Ware." "And not to accompany me, I quite understand." And then, with much dignity of demeanor, "Good morning, Mr. Jardine."

Defended a Little Boy. Nine-year-old Robert came home from school one day with a dirty face and a torn stocking and a generally disreputable appearance. "There was a bump on his forehead which he was manfully trying to conceal by pulling his cap down over his face."

The Other Half. A man owes 4 cents. He pays 2 cents one day, and the next, one-half cent each day of the debt. Now although on the fourth day he only owes one-quarter of a cent, if he should be ended with the gift of immortality and he should continue to pay the debt at the same ratio, he could never pay all of it. There would always remain that half of the former day's payment, provided he had cents small enough to make the payments.

Women are like men in one respect—they are all more or less vain. At last the union was reluctantly consented to, and in "The Grand Magazine of Universal Intelligence" last year he has interested my to-day read the following chronicle of the event.

Wireless in Polynesia. The Australian Government has decided to adopt the recommendations of the conference of representatives of the Admiralty, the Commonwealth, New Zealand, and Fiji for linking up the British Islands in the Pacific by wireless telegraphy. The scheme provides for the establishment of high-power stations at Sydney, Doubtless Bay (New Zealand), Suva, and Ocean Island, and medium power stations in the New Hebrides and the Solomon Islands, all to be controlled by the Government.

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"Robin Adair" is one of those old-fashioned love songs which has lived for more than a century, and has retained its popularity probably more by reason of its pretty and plaintive melody than the words written by Lady Caroline Keppell. It is idiosyncratic, for it must be confessed that a lady of to-day would scarcely lay aside her modesty to the extent that did Lady Keppell, to tell Robin how much she was enamored of him.

Wanted to Be a Sacrifice. One of the strongest petitions ever received by a police magistrate has been presented at Calcutta. A young Bengali, with his forehead covered with heavy caste marks, entered the witness-box during the hearing of applications, and handed to the magistrate a stamped paper praying for an order to have his life sacrificed before the gods in order to benefit the Government, and also for the people of Hindustan. It added that the comet which had been appearing nightly in the heavens was a very bad sign, and the petitioner, who signed himself "Frank Nath Saloban," wished to become its victim. The magistrate declined, and told the Bengali to go home and pray to avert the evil happenings which might follow the comet, as that might prove more efficacious than the loss of his life.

Australian Military Training. The compulsory training of lads in the Commonwealth between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years will probably commence on or about January 1st next. The only persons who will be exempt from the new system will be those who live at long distance from convenient centres of population. The Commonwealth is to be divided up into districts for the purpose of the training. In each of these districts there will be a militia area officer, who will be assisted by two permanent staff sergeants. The staff sergeants will be in charge of the drill instruction, and the militia officer will carry out the administrative work.

Is 110 Years Old. New Zealand has an interesting old pioneer, in Henry Burling of Wairoa. Henry is 110 years of age, and came from England in 1840. Just to show the young fellows how to do it in the small township where he resides he opened the football season last year by "kicking off" at the opening game. Mr. Burling and his grandson both draw the old-age pensions. His eldest son is eighty-five, but cannot draw the pension as he is too well off. The grandson is well over sixty-five.

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"The red-faced lady grew purple. 'You aim to have only satisfied customers. That's the way you advertise. Ain't it now?' 'Yes, madam.' 'Then why can't you take this novel back and return my money?' 'Is the book damaged in any way?' 'It's spinned the floor-walker. 'Print imperfect, or anything like that?' 'Can't say it is.' 'Then why are you not satisfied with the novel?' 'Why I don't like the way it ends.'" Judge.

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