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Declared to Be 125 P.C. Above 1914 Figures in England.
London, Sept. 21.—The national federation of house builders denies statements alleged to have been made by government officials that the cost of building is now sixty or seventy per cent. over the pre-war figures. The federation claims that a builder cannot build a house under 125 per cent. over the 1914 figures, and declares that the prospect of a further substantial reduction is remote.

Coal Shortage Believed Averted.
Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 21.—Coal shipments took quite a jump last week, and while the northwest will not get a full supply for the winter, there will not be a big shortage if coal comes to the lakefront at the present clip. There is a good supply on hand, and indications are that the movement will be heavier this week.

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Bad Death of a Seven-Year-Old Boy at Morton.
Morton, Sept. 21.—A sad death occurred here when "Joe" Roantree, a bright little fellow, and a village favorite with old and young passed away, age seven years. A few weeks ago, while playing, he hurt his heel, which developed into blood poisoning. Dr. Young, Seeley's Bay, did all he could and advised taking him to the hospital, so accompanied by his mother, he was taken to Kingston, but all the medical fraternity and kind nursing was of no avail, so they returned on Thursday, and Sunday morning, the 17th, he passed away. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and four brothers, who have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.
The funeral on Monday was conducted by Rev. Mr. Adair, of Battersea. The pallbearers were Harold Somerville, Milton Hudson, Edward Thomas, Wilfrid Steacy, his schoolmates. Four little girls carried a tray of flowers. The school marched in a body to the church and filed out, while the body was carried through an aisle of playmates, into the church. Kind friends decorated the church in white, and flowers in profusion.
Friends from a distance included Mrs. Brown, Miss Della Freeman, Frankville; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, New Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. D. McClure, Toledo; John Wiltsie, Plumb Hollow; Charles Wiltsie, Hillman, Mich. After the service the body was placed in the vault at Seeley's Bay.

KINGSTON INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

Attracted a Large Number From Village of Sydenham.
Sydenham, S.-pt. 21.—A great many people from this vicinity are attending the Kingston Industrial Exhibition. The exhibition is always a great drawing card and enlists the interest of a great number of people.
Mrs. T. P. Maxwell, of Ottawa, is visiting at the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Moys and four children left on Wednesday for their home in Toronto, after spending a short time at E. B. Sills. Harry Woodruff has returned from northern Ontario, where he had been for some time. Mrs. Alex. Thompson is in the Kingston General hospital receiving treatment. Mr. Houston, high school inspector, visited the school here last Thursday and Friday.
Dr. V. Blakeslee and family, Belleville, have been visiting friends here. Miss Ethel Dowdsley entered the General hospital in Kingston as nurse-in-training. On account of the Kingston exhibition, the public school was closed Wednesday and the high school Friday, thus giving the pupils a chance to attend the fair.
Rev. B. C. Freeman, of Cranbrook, B.C., was here this week visiting friends. P. J. Trousdale has greatly improved the appearance of his house on Amelia street by a very neat and attractive verandah at the front of his house. Interior renovations are also being made. The outside has been made to look brighter by a coat of paint. Mr. Trousdale is to be highly complimented in his many improvements.

Freeman-Meighen Wedding.
Sharbot Lake, Sept. 19.—Mrs. R. Butter has gone to her home in Toronto and Mrs. R. Robinson and son to Picton. Mrs. H. Taylor has gone to Ottawa. J. Thomson, also Harold Thomson spent a few days at Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fair, Mississippi, spent a few days with Mrs. E. C. Walworth. Mrs. J. Bourk has gone to Ottawa to attend her nephew's wedding. Miss Margaret Hawley and Miss Amey McKinnon visited friends in Smith's Falls and Jasper. Miss Sarah Harper, Hamilton, is at Mrs. Dodd's. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Buell have returned. G. Huffman is having a sale on Saturday and moving to Perth. W. Davis and daughter Nina has gone to Beachburg. Miss Edna Meighen and Harold Freeman, Kingston, were married today in the English church by Rev. Hillyard Smith, Portsmouth, assisted by Rev. J. Cantra. The church was beautifully decorated with ast-

ers and ferns. After the ceremony dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Meighen, then the bride and groom took the train for the east. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meighen, Cranston, B.C., are at Mrs. S. Meighen's. Miss Ethel Thomlinson is spending her holidays at Collingwood.

MAKING LOVE.

Different Courting Customs Exist In Various Countries.
During the hearing of a recent breach of promise case the judge raised the question as to whether all courtships were not very much alike. Now, although it cannot be denied that all courtships are a means to the same end, it cannot be maintained that the means are always the same. Indeed, no two courtships are alike any more than there are two people exactly alike.
The courtship of the impetuous lover, who carries all before him in the ardor of his wooing, can scarcely be said to resemble that of the suitor who looks again and again before he leaps, and sometimes looks so long that he leaps only to find that another has taken the plunge ahead of him and carried off the prize.
Nor is there much in common between the courtship that is all adjectives and kisses and the up-to-date courtship of "pals" who discard the ordinary modes of love-making as "stilly."
Again, what resemblance is there between the courtship of many words and one which is a "song without words," like that of Barkis, the carrier, which consisted of the words, "Barkis is willing," repeated occasionally by proxy, as often as opportunity permitted?
Then, too, the varied circumstances in which courtships are conducted necessarily make for variety. In one section of the community they are frequently carried on at the back door. This, although it has its drawbacks, obviously possesses advantages over a courtship conducted from a second-floor window, as is the correct mode in Spain.

In Burma the maiden of a marriageable age places a lamp in the window at eight o'clock. This is the signal that she is ready to receive eligible bachelors, preferably several at a time. From eight until twelve o'clock is looked upon as the definite courting time, during which hours mother may only hover discreetly in the background.

In some parts of Japan, as soon as a young man has set eyes upon his ideal, he opens proceedings by fastening a branch of a certain shrub against the door of her parents' house. Should the young woman not wish to encourage his advances the branch is allowed to wither; but if she decides to accept him as her future husband she blackens her teeth as a sign that he may begin negotiations with her father.

When a youth in Afghanistan takes a fancy to a girl the method is still more simple. All he has to do is to cut off a lock of her hair. The rest of the proceeding merely consists in driving as hard a bargain as possible with the girl's father.

Morocco is one of the most stony-hearted countries in the world in this respect. The youths and maidens there fare badly indeed, for they are not even allowed to see each other before the wedding. Now and again a venturesome youth will hide himself in the room when the young woman is coming to pay the customary state call upon his mother, but even this needs to be done with a considerable amount of caution.

The Eskimos are notorious for the arbitrary manner in which their courtships are conducted. After having decided upon a girl whose appearance pleases him the young Eskimo pays a surprise visit to her house, seizes her by the hair, and drags her away to his home.

Cotton Foundation Stones.

The employment of cotton as a foundation for buildings erected on sandy soil is a matter of common knowledge, but the story of the first application of the material to this purpose is not generally known.
We are indebted to Capt. W. Roberts, one of the veterans of the Liverpool pilot service, for the facts.
Dealing with the ancient light at Leasow, between the Mersey and the Dee, he told of the difficulties encountered in the search for a solid base, and how at last the wreck of a cotton ship offered an inspiration to the builders. Some of the cotton which had been washed ashore was mixed with sand, and on this massive stone tower was erected so firmly that it was found to withstand the fury of the mightiest tempests.

One other little-known fact was also mentioned by Capt. Roberts. All our lighthouses are tectotal institutions. Drink is allowed in none of them.

An Ancient Belief.

The Persians and Chaldeans believed in Ahriman, chief of the cacodemons or fallen angels. These were thought to have been expelled from heaven for their sins. Having endeavored to settle down upon the earth at several times, according to legend, they were always rejected. Out of revenge they found their pleasure in injuring the inhabitants. Xenocritus thought that penance and self-mortification, though not agreeable to the gods, would pacify the malice of the cacodemons. Ahriman and his followers were believed finally to have taken up their abode in all the space between the earth and the fixed stars, and there established their domain called Ahriman-abad. As Ahriman was the spirit of evil in the Persian religion, so Ormuzd was the spirit of good.

Writing on Glass.
Fluid to write on glass is made by mixing with hydrofluoric acid enough barium sulphate to give it consistency, so that it will not spread, and will show well on the glass. Ammonium fluoride may also be added. After the writing has stood some time it is washed or dusted off, and the etching appears. Use a glass pen.

An Italian Airplane.
An Italian has designed a five-horsepower single-seated airplane which, it is claimed, is the smallest flying machine in the world. It has a single lifting-wing which is easily detachable, so that the machine can be garaged in quite a small shed.
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