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SECOND SECTION

## What the World Is Doing

(As Seen by Popular Mechanics Magazine)

### Deaf Hear by Touch on Telephone Held in the Hand

With a telephone whose receiver transmits vibrations to the sensitive palm of the hand, it is believed deaf persons can be greatly aided in reading spoken messages through the sense of touch. Words spoken into the mouthpiece of the instrument set up a series of pulsations in the delicate receiver that correspond to the sounds of the voice. These result in a sort of code which the "hearer" may easily learn. Though surrounded by loud noises and other heavy vibrations, the person, while lightly gripping the receiver, can readily distinguish words and sentences coming over the telephone without interference from disturbances and sounds originating on the outside.

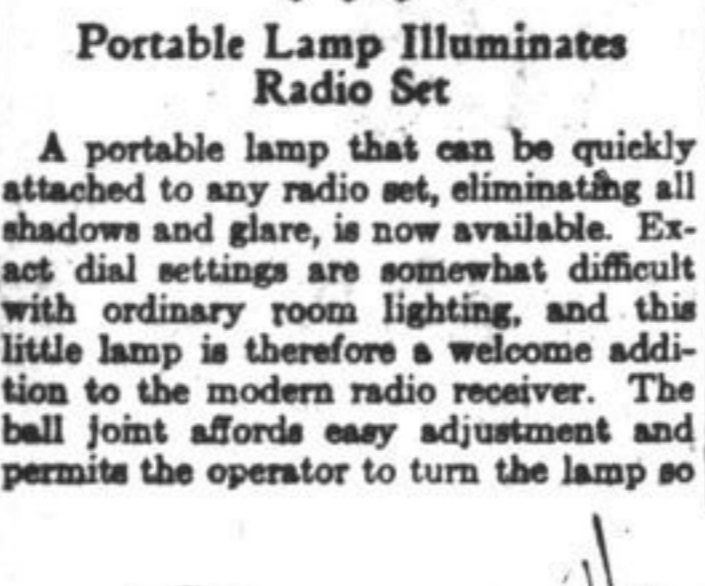


Speed of Shooting Stars Estimated at Forty-Five Miles a Second

Speeds as high as forty-five miles a second are attained by meteors, the "shooting stars" which are drawn into the earth's atmosphere and burn up in a final brief blaze of glory, according to Prof. C. M. Sparrow, of the University of Virginia. The meteors, he says, are small bodies which, entering the upper atmosphere of the earth, are heated to incandescence and remain visible at night until they are completely burned up, or fall to earth. The heights at which they appear lie between fifty and a hundred miles above the earth. At that altitude the atmosphere is believed to be almost pure hydrogen, the gas used in balloons. Hydrogen forms but one ten-thousandth part of the earth's atmosphere at the ground, but being very light, its density diminishes so slowly with increasing height as to outlast the heavier nitrogen and oxygen.

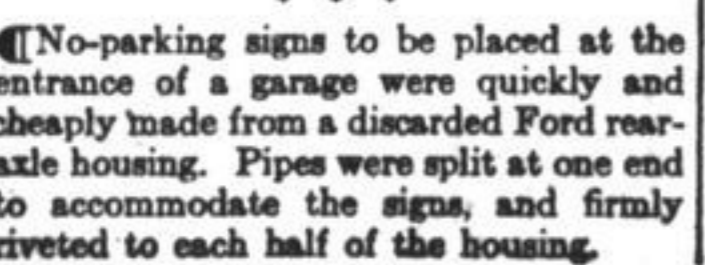
Portable Lamp Illuminates Radio Set

A portable lamp that can be quickly attached to any radio set, eliminating all shadows and glare, is now available. Exact dial settings are somewhat difficult with ordinary room lighting, and this little lamp is therefore a welcome addition to the modern radio receiver. The ball joint affords easy adjustment and permits the operator to turn the lamp so as to illuminate the interior of the set if he desires. The small thumbnut allows the light fixture to be detached.



Filing without Scratching

When filing, small particles of metal adhering to the file cause scratches on the work. This trouble can be prevented by chalking the file after cleaning it. Powdered chalk may be used and rubbed on with the fingers or a large piece of lump chalk rubbed over the file.



A Homemade Device for Covering Up Seeds

Every home gardener has found that the apparently simple task of covering up seeds is really rather troublesome. A simple device, which will do this quickly and thoroughly, is shown in the accompanying illustration. All that is necessary is to set the device over the seeds and pull it backward. It consists of two wings of galvanized iron or heavy tin, about 3 in. wide at one end and 8 in. at the other, and 12 in. long. These are fastened together with an iron band, 6 in. long, bolted to the wings, as shown, about 3 in. from the narrow end. The parts are held together with 1/2-in. stove bolts. The whole frame, which holds the blades, can be made of one long piece of flat iron, heated and bent to the shape shown. An ordinary broomstick can be used as a handle.

prohibition laws are but secondary to this principle: they are only aids to the control of undisciplined appetites. They seek to help men to be as restrained as they should be of their own volition.

And, unless the Dantel purpose to subordinate body to spirit, tastes to principles, can be implanted in the hearts of people, no laws can ever entirely nullify the evils of intemperance.

As radical as Daniel's proposition for abstinence amidst the enervated palace life of old Persia is the new idea which has grown up in our western world, that a whole community and nation may become sober; and that the level of law may be that of life lived on the self-denying basis of abstinence for the sake of others.

True, the Old World can scarcely comprehend the reason for this audacious effort to make a whole people sober. (Incidentally, it is significant that the great majority of the violators of the prohibition laws are alien. In Pueblo, recently, a grand jury reported that ninety per cent. of the convicted bootleggers were not citizens, and recommended their deportation. With stern honesty, however, the same grand jury also reported that most of the customers and supporters of these alien criminals were native born.)

We must look for the roots of the New World temperance movement in the sturdy morality of godly men and women who brought a Christian idealism to these shores as their chief possession.

Squirming Under the Facts.

Easiest and commonest of all the generalizations with which some observers, who are not willing to accept the Christian way out of our difficulties, seek to propose a remedy is that education will end lawlessness and intemperance and unchastity.

Every open-eyed man or woman knows that this simply is not so.

There is more flagrant violation of the prohibition laws at college reunions than at prize fights. The most obscene publications that corrupt public decency today are the college "humorous" papers. "The younger generation" does its worst. The younger generation, in the great American universities.

So much for education as a cure for what ails our world in these times. Nothing less than blind fetish-worship is this cult of cure-all-by-education.

No, no; the religious principles that put backbone into Daniel, and into the men and women of past generations, are the only real hope for temperance and self-control. When a passion for pleasing God becomes a life's master motive, then it is easy to deny self's lower nature. A reign of law, and an era of virtue, can come to the world only by the exercise of loyalty to the Living God, whose goal seems to be happiness and holiness of mankind.

The pictures of famous Germans will appear on the new German postage stamps. The ex-Kaiser's picture will not be used.

White rats were under observation at the University of California and showed up the records of their activities.

## A MAN'S LOAD FOR A MAN'S BACK

The International Sunday Lesson for May 3, is, "The Benefits of Total Abstinence."—Daniel 1:1-20.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

Lately I have been discussing with many persons, mostly newspaper editors, from coast to coast, the reasons for the clear increase of serious-mindedness on the part of the men of the United States and Canada. All agree upon the facts. Evidence is on every hand—such as the growth of service organizations, like Rotary and Kiwanis; the rise and increase of boy-helping societies; the revived popularity of Adult Bible Classes; the phenomenal current interest in books, magazine essays and newspaper articles on religious topics.

Each man with whom one talks has his own contribution to make to this body of evidence. All agree that the thinking men of their communities are becoming increasingly concerned over certain tendencies of the times, in social, political and economic life. Society has become a restive steed, threatening to run away; and mature men feel a responsibility for the reins. Even in most primitive societies, the grown men have shown this sense of responsibility for the general condition of things. It is a universal mark of manhood.

Sobered by the vogue of lawlessness and the breaking down of old restraints; by the world-wide spread of Russian ideas; by the speed and irresponsibility of the younger generation; by the disintegration of old-fashioned home life; and by a hundred other tendencies of our day, all sorts of men are being awakened to new concerns and to new activity. They are suddenly aware that men's backs should bear men's burdens: they must assume to the full the old, old burden of preserving the stability and integrity of organized human life.

Robinson Crusoe life.

A sentiment as old as the race found expression in the slogan of Dumas' "Three Musketeers"—"Each for all, and all for each." The Bible puts the same truth in many forms, as "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself"; "We are all members one of another."

There is nothing new or narrow about that. It is as old as man himself. It is a clear principle, indispensable to all organized life. In face of it, whatever is bad for the community has to pass away; just as the old days of "personal liberty," and murder and unlooked crime and shame in the mining camp of the West, had to give way to a regime of law and common right and public morality. In this principle lies the whole philosophy of the prohibition movement. The majority sentiment of the people comes to the conclusion that booze is bad for the body, also the freedom of individuals, in this matter have had to be subordinated to what is deemed the common good.

Sunday Schools and Public Morals.

Beyond a doubt, the regular recurrence, throughout the years, of a Quarterly Temperance Lesson in the Sunday Schools, of which this is one, has been a powerful force in educating the people up to the point of prohibition. The highbrows who would displace the Uniform Sunday School Lesson delight to point with scorn to the temperance lessons in the International series as evidence of the unpedagogical character of this system which has bound the churches together on a Bible basis for more than fifty years. Idle theories mean more to these faddists than any of the realities of life. But Sunday School teachers and superintendents and pastors, thank God, care more for boys and girls and for human betterment, than they do for the vagaries and fashions of wind-filled "psychologists."

What if this Lesson from Daniel is not a chronological sequence in our current nine months' course in the study of the Early Church? Paul and Peter and Stephen found the Old Testament examples always pertinent for quotation for their present purposes. And the greatest use of the Bible today, in any and all parts, is to save the boys and girls, men and women, of our own times, if the essential virtues of castity, temperance, truth and service cannot be undergirded by the ageless teachings of Holy Writ, where, then, may we look for support for them?

A New Idea in Government.

This old tale that has travelled down the centuries and across the continents, concerning the young Hebrews at the Persian court, who turned their backs on the enervating self-indulgence of the life that surrounded them, still carries the fundamental temperance teaching, which is individual abstinence. All

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