

AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

Building operations in connection with the construction of a Masonic temple at Washington for the colored Masonic Temple association, at an approximate cost of \$125,000, will be begun as soon as the contract has been awarded. The plans and specifications for the edifice, which is to be of the Italian renaissance style, are being completed by Clough West, architect, of Washington.

The building, which will be an architectural and artistic ornament to the part of the city where it will be located, will be five stories high with basement. It will be fireproof throughout, steel construction being employed with reinforced concrete floors and slag roof.

The structure will measure 93 feet on U street and 134 on Tenth street, and the main entrance will be on U street. Brown tapestry brick, with Indiana limestone and granite trim, will be used in its exterior construction, and the roof will be bordered with highly ornamental galvanized iron cornices. Wrought iron grills will be used in guarding many of the windows. Both facades of the building will be treated with a central pavilion feature. The front on the U street side is to be divided into three bays, separated by Italian pilasters surmounted by ornamental capitals of Indiana limestone and embracing three stories. There will be seven bays on Tenth street, all of which will be surmounted by a tabature with a medallion. The fifth story is to be treated in the form of an attic with openings in windows and wrought iron grills. There will be a roof garden laid in red tile.

The rooming facilities of the structure are as follows: The basement will contain a large drill hall, office rooms, toilet rooms and heating apparatus. On the first or ground floor will be located a banquet hall, measuring 50 by 75 feet, with kitchen and serving room adjoining. There will be two stores on the U street side and five stores on the Tenth street side. A wide staircase leads from the main entrance on U street to the upper floors.

An auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,200 clear-spanned and with no column support, will be the feature of the second floor. The auditorium is to be about 90 by 100 feet in dimensions, and around it will be office rooms and in the rear a promenade separated from the auditorium by a panel partition with brass railing. The auditorium is to have high arched windows, guarded by wrought iron grills. The third floor will be the balcony floor and will also have offices. The fourth floor will contain lodge and ante rooms and three smaller halls, and on the fifth floor will be located lodge rooms and a spacious banquet hall.

The corridors will be of marble, bordered in mosaic design. The British colonies have enacted laws holding masters of vessels responsible for passengers landed in the colonies, excepting those passengers under contract to engage in service either for the government or for some business firm or company considered financially responsible by the government, or those convincing the government authorities that they have sufficient money within their possession to pay their return passage from the colony. The Kamerun government requires each person not a native of Africa and not engaged by the govern-

ment or by responsible business people in the colony upon entering the colony to have in his possession 2,000 marks (\$176), and the Woermann and other steamship companies require such passengers to deposit 500 marks (\$119) each against return passage to port of embarkation. While I am not certain, I think the rule holds true for French West African possessions. Thus it will be seen that Liberia is the only place American negroes can well attempt to colonize. The impression gained by conversations with various government officials of the different colonies is that the American negro is not desired.

This consulate is informed that "Chief Sam" of the Gold Coast, with the assistance of some American negroes, claims to be at the head of a scheme to colonize the Gold Coast colony, or some part of the colony.

My advice is to select some well-informed person to make a thorough investigation, visiting the particular section in which they intend settling, before they pay any part of their passage to West Africa. It is quite evident that some of these schemes are in every sense fraudulent.

Those who have come to West Africa suffer untold misery, are for the most part illiterate farmers who have, through a long struggle, managed to save enough to pay passage for themselves and family, with barely enough to live on through their first certain attack of African malaria. Many have expressed the choice of prison life in America to freedom here. In addition to the above, now and then a misguided independent missionary comes, suffers and dies.—Consul W. T. Yerby of Sierra Leone in Daily Consular Reports.

The Frenchman who complained that it was difficult to grow old gracefully had the child is father of the man, and hence of the patriarch, and whoever would easily grow old gracefully must take care and regulate wisely the earlier stages. A little artificial tinkering later on will never compensate for radical defects permitted to persist through a lifetime. In one of his letters Huxley remarks: "Somebody started a charming theory years ago—that as you get older and lose volition, primitive evil tendencies, heretofore mastered, come out and show themselves." Huxley treated this theory too lightly; there is more truth in it than he seemed aware of. Botanists tell of defects existing in plants as "sleeping eyes," diseases remaining in a lethargic state for several years, and then, with favorable conditions, revealing themselves; while physiologists similarly allow that morbid growths in the human body may remain lethargic for years and then become disastrously active. There can be no doubt but that it is much the same with the moral life. During the years when criticism and circumstance hold us to good behavior, and in which the will is most masterful, tendencies to temper, avarice and selfishness are checked and disguised, while they become painfully obtrusive when the volitional power declines, and the consideration paid to old age gives them unrestrained play.—Exchange.

The man who would reach success hasn't much time to sit under shade trees by the wayside.

Increasing responsibility in securing financial support should be placed upon the trustees and strongest members of the church.

Another suggestion is also along the same line. There is a tremendous need of trained leadership in the fields of evangelism, education and church management. Some pastors have expressed their great desire to secure such training for the members of their church. They have expressed their appreciation of the help given by the Home Mission society in their former fields in the South, where the actual direct assistance given them in training their workers in specialized fields seems much larger than in this apparently more favored section.—Standard.

What a poor opinion the good lord would have of himself if he answered all of the fool prayers that are sent up to headquarters!

Shears with their handles extended to one side have been invented to enable a person to follow a pattern more closely.

And the man who publicly boasts of his honesty may secretly pride himself on his ability to escape detection.

An African frog sounds a call under water that can be heard for long distances.

No man can be really happy unless he is on good terms with his stomach.

For every 1,000 males employed in New Jersey there are 276 females.

Cotton goods constitute about one-third of England's manufactured exports.

Sweden in 1912 imported laundry machinery valued at \$63,702.

The world's output of coconuts is figured at 7,000,000,000.

Italy imports more than 10,000,000 tons of coal each year.

In 1910 Americans contributed \$118,000,000 to charities.

Field experiments in Ireland have shown that liquid manure produces better crops of hay than any other fertilizers.

The most attractive shops in the Chinese cities are those devoted to the sale of coffins.

As a matter of fact, doctors are not as wise as they think their patients think they are.

It is estimated that there are 300,000 more women than men in Germany.

Protestants of the United States gave \$16,398,000 to foreign missions in 1913.

SAVING ON LAUNDRY BILLS

Frequent Pressing Will Do Much Toward Preserving Appearance of the Thin Garments.

The woman whose ambition it is to always look well dressed will pay special attention to the pressing of her garments. A linen shirt waist or suit should be pressed after each wearing. All thin waists and dresses can be worn twice as long before being laundered if they are pressed often. They are usually more mussed than soiled when put in the wash. Garments which must be pressed on the wrong side, but which need a touch on the right side, may be pressed very nicely provided a piece of smooth tissue paper is used to protect the goods from the hot iron. When ironing silks and ribbons the use of tissue paper will prevent them from becoming shiny.

A white frock or blouse that is soiled in places, but not enough to require laundering, may be much improved by the following method: Dissolve some glass starch in warm water, moisten the soiled portions with this mixture and press carefully. The garment will look almost as good as new and may be worn several times without laundering.

Lingerie waists will not get mussed nearly as soon and are much easier to iron when subjected to the following method: Wash as usual, but do not starch. When dry, dip in borax water, using one tablespoonful of borax to one quart of warm water. Wring out and fold in a towel for a few hours, then iron dry.

VARIOUS USES FOR HERBS

All That Are Grown in the Garden Have Their Peculiar Qualities That Should Be Understood.

Save: Mint, for meat sauces. Angelica, for flavoring cakes. Lavender, for oil and distilled water. Sage, for sausage and meat dressings.

Sweet fennel, leaves used in fish soups. Dill, the seeds are used to flavor pickles. Borage, leaves boiled as dandelion or spinach.

Thyme, in gravies and dressings of stuffed meats. Chives, leaves used for flavoring soups and salads. Borage, balm and catnip are useful where one has bees.

Tarragon, leaves useful in giving flavor to vinegar and pickles. Coriander, fennel and caraway seeds are used for flavoring fruit sirups and cakes.

Among those having medicinal value are arnica, hops, catnip, bone, pennyroyal, belladonna, sage, rue, horehound, marshmallow, wormwood, hyssop and peppermint.

Fig and Nut Jelly. Wash a cupful of pulled figs in cold water. Put over a slow fire with two cupfuls of cold water and stew figs until tender. Skim out figs and to the juice add one-half cupful of sugar and boil until it is like thin sirup (there should be one cupful of liquid). Chop figs and one-quarter cupful of shelled pecans not very fine. Soak one-half box of gelatine in one cupful of cold water for half an hour. To the gelatine add one-half teaspoonful of lemon juice, and to the fig sirup add one-half cupful of boiling water. Strain through fine sieve or piece of cheesecloth. When nearly set, add nuts and figs. Turn into molds and set in cool place for three hours. Serve with whipped cream.

To Peel a Tomato. The tomato season is with us, and many a housekeeper would be glad to know how to slip the skin off without the use of boiling water. Press the back or blunt part of knife against the tomato, keep pressing around from center to core, two or three times, without breaking the skin, then strip off, with the same result as using hot water. This is easy to do and is especially nice in summer, when you prefer tomatoes cold for salad.

Creamed Celery. Remove the leaves and small stalks from two heads of celery, wash and cut in half-inch lengths. Boil in salted water until tender. While the celery is boiling make a sauce of one cupful of cream or thick milk and one tablespoonful of butter mixed with flour. Boil the sauce until it is smooth and thick. When the celery is ready, drain and place it in a dish, pour over the sauce and serve.

Keeping Lemons. Lemons may be kept soft and fresh for some time either by keeping them in a jar of water or by coating each lemon with white of egg. Two or three whites will be sufficient for a great many lemons. Roll them in the white and let them dry. When they are required for use rub the coating off with your hands.

To Clean Paints and Varnishes. Here is a good way to clean painted and varnished surfaces: To half a bucketful of warm water add a tablespoonful of salts of tartar; wash the paint with a rag dipped in this, and it will remove every speck of dirt. Rinse in clear warm water and dry with a chamol.

To Cook an Egg. Have the water boiling rapidly, then break the egg into it and set it on top of the stove, or where it will keep warm for three minutes; then serve. The egg will be felled all the way through. This is the best way to cook it for a little child.

Timely Tip. A puree of apples or tomatoes, sweetened or seasoned, makes a delicious filling for savory rice or fried bread croquettes, and should also accompany roast pork or sausages.

Jam and Marmalade Hint. When making jam or marmalade add a piece of butter about the size of an egg before removing it from the fire. This makes the fruit look clear without skimming it.

BASEBALL



The Boston Herald says: "Hugh Bradley, the oldest Red Sox first baseman, who tried to live on his reputation for being the first man to lift the ball over the left field fence at Fenway park, is hitting for .343 for Pittsburgh, in the Federal League."

The New York World rises to remark: "The Federal league certainly did some great picking when it chose this year to start a new enterprise which depended largely upon settled times and easy financial conditions for its success."

Instead of lumbago, two displaced vertebrae have been keeping Rollie Zeider, the Chicago Federals' third baseman, out of a number of games this season. This was announced after an examination by a physician.

Manager Stovall of Kansas City is a wonder in some respects. He just can't help fighting on the ball field, but off it he is not so savage. He likes sport and pep and he has his players battling for every inch of ground.

Marsans' injunction case will not be tried until late in September. In case of victory, then Marsans will be available to play for the St. Louis Feds during the months of October, November and December.

Double-headers are the bane of the Pittsburgh club. Five times this season the Pirates have dropped two games on one day and they have yet to win both parts of a double-header.

Frank Chance's prospects are rather peculiar. He has three Rays on his pitching staff—Caldwell, Keating and Fisher—but whether they are rays of hope or raise of salary isn't certain.

Unless he shows a decided improvement, Marty O'Toole is not likely to mingle much longer in polite circles. It is rumored that Clarke has asked for waivers on this spital pitcher.

The New York American remarks that "headwork plays an important part in baseball, but when Buck Weaver tries to stop balls with his eyebrow he carries it too far."

Without a .300 hitter, a leading runner or a prominent base-runner in the line-up, the Boston Braves climbed from the cellar to the first division in the National league race.

Pitcher Vean Gregg didn't lose any time in taking up the cudgels in behalf of the Red Sox. It appears from his brief stay on the platform that others also took up the cudgels.

The Senators say Harry Harper is certain to make a great pitcher in time. The youngster has had but a few chances to get experience and hence is handicapped.

Scout John McCloskey of the Reds has reported back from the road with an armful of dope on promising young athletes whom he has discovered in his wanderings.

Cleveland is safe in one respect. It never can be said that after being traded to the Red Sox Vean Gregg turned in and beat the Naps out of the pennant.

Two years ago Johnny Enzmann was pitching vacant lot ball in Brooklyn. Now he's assured a three-year job with the Brooklyn National league club.

Fred Claus, a brother of Bert Claus, the southern pitcher with Detroit last season, has been added to the New Haven club's roster.

Say, the Philadelphia North American: "Asking waivers on Nap Lajoie seems as pathetic as balliffs putting an old man out of his home."

A tour of South America this winter by the Chicago White Sox and New York Giants is being considered by Charles A. Comiskey.

The acquisition of Twombly and Daniels has strengthened the Red outfield so that it is in the best shape it has been this season.

Bert Daniels made an auspicious entry into the ranks of Herzog's Reds, he making nine put-outs in his first game and three hits.

Heinie Wagner thinks he will soon be able to join the Red Sox. His elbow is still bandaged, but he engages in light practice daily.

Pitcher Ed Walsh has come back with great éclat, but not to such an extent that he can drive in runs with his pitching arm.

The Detroit club has purchased Pitcher McCreeary and Outfielder Marshall from the Butte club of the Union association.

Rumor has it that Doc Johnston of the Cleveland Naps is to be traded to the St. Louis Browns within a short time.

Connie Mack is trying to get Walter Johnson to go with his team to the Pacific coast this fall after the season.

In trying to explain the Braves' feat of winning a game on one hit, a fan suggests that perhaps they bunched it.

Rube Bressler, the youngster uncovered by Connie Mack, is working like a top-notch pitcher with the Athletics.

TO RETAIN JOE BIRMINGHAM



Some of the Cleveland papers are making a strenuous campaign against the retention of Manager Birmingham, but Owner Somers is quoted as saying that he proposes to keep Birmingham in charge of his team. Somers says he is tired of changing managers and that he proposes to let Birmingham continue until he has had a fair chance to show what sort of a manager he really is.

Coach Jack Mookley of Cornell university, when asked if he would accept the position of trainer of the American Olympic team to the Berlin games in 1916, said: "Of course, I would accept such a position, providing, of course, it was offered to me. What trainer wouldn't?"

Foreign golf authorities have started an agitation to have all the matches in the championship match play at 36 holes instead of 18, the latter distance being considered too short for championship contests.

Over fifteen hundred tracks in the United States and Canada are devoted to the racing of harness horses, and more than ten thousand horses complete annually for \$2,000,000 in purses.

George Bonhag, the former long-distance runner, has been selected to coach and train the track team of the Irish-American A. C. of New York. He will succeed Lawson Robertson.

The Walkers' club of America, with headquarters in New York, wants the Amateur Athletic union to add a 25-mile walking race to the national championship events.

Harvard university's freshman football schedule has been reduced from seven to four games for next fall, as a result of the new plans for intercollegiate competition.

The big crop of English and French pugilists will find that dodging bullets at about fifteen cents a day and side-stepping fists at \$500 a minute are far different pastimes.

Southern California sportsmen plan to raise money by popular subscription to build a 12-meter yacht to compete in the International races in San Francisco next year.

Alfredo de Oro has been challenged for the trophy emblematic of the three-cushion carom billiards championship, by George W. Moore.

Peoria, Ill., plans to lay out golf links for the free use of the public. The municipal course will be located in Madison park.

Rocksand, the famous race horse of a decade ago which died recently in Paris, was insured with Lloyd's for the sum of \$150,000.

Willie Kolehmainen, the professional long distance runner, is reported to have opened a cigar store in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Chelsea, England, proposes to put a winning soccer football team in the field next fall if money can accomplish that purpose.

In one of the bloodiest battles seen in Boston in years, Al Delmont defeated "Tiger" Young of New York in ten rounds.

Mike Gibbons has turned down a contract for three fights offered him in Australia by Promoter "Snowy" Baker.

One direct result of the war is the calling off of the international chess tournament. This is a hard blow to sport.

The New York Yacht club has 580 yachts enrolled. Of these 110 are motor yachts under sixty feet in length.

Murphy says if Peter Volo is not the stallion champion before snow flies, he will be greatly surprised.

Wouldn't it be nice if all the German, Polish and Turkish wrestlers were drafted to go to war?

Miss Dorothy Becker of San Francisco, a youthful swimmer, can dive in 83 different styles.

One rogue player declares it requires 35 years to learn the game. Well, that's 35 years saved.

Grattan Boy has lowered the trotting record of the Canadian northwest to 2:11 1/2.

DIDN'T WORK WELL

Experiment in Altruism Might Have Been All Right But for the Circumstances.

When Danvers and his friend Barlow came into the car Danvers was talking.

"I have come to the conclusion," he said, "that the only Christian way for people to get about in these crowded cars is to stand up in relays. It looks hogfish for one set of passengers to occupy all the seats all the time. There ought to be a general shaking up every five minutes and give the stragglers a chance to rest."

"It wouldn't work," said Barlow. "It would turn out like every other altruistic scheme. Some generous souls would be giving up their seats all the time and others would be sitting still all the time, waiting for somebody else to do his duty. And besides, nobody would have nerve enough to qualify his offer with the five minutes' conditional clause."

"I would," said Danvers, "and the first chance I get I am going to test the scheme and see how it works."

He found a chance before he got home. Somewhere in the shopping district two women came into the car. One of them sat down beside Danvers; the other, finding no vacant seat, stood in front of him. Barlow nudged him maliciously. "Now is your opportunity," he whispered.

Danvers sat still for a few minutes, watching the woman's swaying, lurching figure. Presently he said: "Madam, I will give you this seat and let you rest awhile if you will promise to give it back to me at the end of five minutes."

The woman lunged helplessly into Danvers' lap.

"I beg your pardon," she said. "That sudden turn—oh, yes! I'm all right now, thanks. What was it you said about five minutes?"

Danvers repeated his offer.

"That is very kind of you, I am sure," she said, "but I feel that I ought not to take the seat. If you are ill and think you won't feel like standing more than five minutes at a time, perhaps you had better sit still."

Danvers blushed. "I feel well enough," he said, "but it is a conviction of mine that no one who rides in street cars ought to be obliged to stand longer than five minutes at a stretch. Are you willing to accept this seat under those conditions?"

"Certainly," said the woman. "You are very thoughtful to offer it to all. What time is it now, please?"

"I haven't got my watch," Danvers replied, as he clutched the dangling strap, "but it doesn't matter. It will take us just five minutes to get from here to the city hall. I'll keep an eye open for that. When we get there I will let you know and you can give me a show again."

"Very well," said the woman, and she resumed the interrupted conversation with her companion.

At Thirteenth street there was a blockade. By the public clocks in the neighborhood it lasted just 20 minutes. At the end of five minutes Danvers began to fidget. At the end of ten minutes his impatience became audible.

"Ah-m-m-m," he said. "Confoundedly long wait, this."

The woman checked her flow of speech.

"Have we got to the city hall yet?" she asked, innocently.

"To the city hall?" said Danvers. "Great heavens, we haven't budged an inch for ten minutes. How on earth did you expect us to get to the city hall?"

"Dear me," said the woman, "how provoking. These blockades do delay one so. When we get there let me know, please, if I don't happen to notice it myself. I promised, you remember, to let you sit down again when we got to the city hall."

Barlow snickered. "Yes, I remember," said Danvers.

"Madam," said Danvers. "She arose and Danvers sat down."

"Madam," he said, "you seemed to forget that there were two strings to our agreement, one relating to time, the other to place. You disregarded the first. You kept me standing something like twenty-five minutes. I shall be equally inconsiderate. I shall not relinquish this seat at the end of five minutes."

"Oh, that's all right," said the woman. "I got off at Fifteenth street, anyway."

"What did I tell you?" said Barlow. "I told you you would get the worst of the bargain."

"I hadn't counted on blockades," said Danvers wearily. "The next time I'll take care not to mention particular corners, also not to make a bargain of any kind with a woman."

Curious School Custom. A curious feature of the "Fourth of June" celebration at Eton, the famous English school, is the presence there of six boys from Westminster school. They are there every year on the official understanding that they will be back at their tent at six o'clock. Every year the head master of Eton telegraphs to the head master of Westminster to say that the boys cannot return in time, and may they stay for the fireworks, and every year the head master of Westminster telegraphs to the head master of Eton that they may. It would be interesting to know the origin of the visit.

Their Proper Sphere. An old lady was gazing at illustrations on the fashion page. "Suggestions for the summer girl's wardrobe! Humph! They are all right for the wardrobe, but they ain't fit for the street."—Detroit Free Press.

MEDICINE IN 1848

Science at That Time Very Much in Its Infancy.

Noted Physician Tells of His Experiences When Anesthesia Was Something Just Discovered and Not in General Use.

Did you ever hear the phrase, "the shotgun prescription"? This is the way the phrase originated, says Dr. Stephen Smith, one of the most distinguished and oldest physicians of Manhattan.

"When I began the study of medicine, in 1848," said Doctor Smith recently, "its principles and practice were primitive compared with their present. Diagnosis was based on observation, and medical treatment on empiricism. As the perceptive faculties of no two persons have the same power, and there was no laboratory with instruments of precision to determine doubtful questions, diagnosis was uncertain. In medicine, drugs were given in bulk, as organic chemistry had not analyzed and separated their constituent parts."

"Shovel in the bark," was the advice in severe malaria, referring to the use of cinchona bark. The ordinary doctors, particularly in the out-of-town districts, carried about saddle-bags distended with bulky drugs in their crude staves, the aroma of which scented the air so that his coming was known before he was visible. It was the day of the famous "shotgun prescription," consisting of ten or more different medicines in one dose, which, it was alleged, was "sure to kill something."

"We occasionally hear of the doctor of that day who, when he began practice, had ten remedies for one disease. The fact is that he had so much trouble making the patient take different medicines that he combined them in one dose, and hence the remedy for ten diseases, or the 'shotgun prescription.'"

"The practice of surgery at that time seems now to have been in its infancy. Anesthetics had just been discovered, but were not in general use, and antiseptics were unknown. I saw patients operated upon without anesthesia, being held in position by strong men, and the struggles and screams of the victim and his pathetic appeals to the operator still linger in memory like a nightmare. In the light of that experience the great operations of former days read like miracles. It seems incredible that under such conditions Mott could have successfully placed a ligature around an artery close to the heart, or Roger could have tied the left subclavian near its origin.

"The modern surgeon who operates upon his unconscious patient, and, exercising little more skill than does the student in the dissecting room. And in that pre-anesthetic period the vast suppurations which followed prevented the healing of the wound of the most skillful operation and often destroyed the life of the patient. Such a complication is now unknown. It is not too much to affirm that surgery is now so precise in its details as to be ranked as an exact science."

Gathered to Defend Country. One hundred years ago the State Fenibles, a volunteer corps raised in Philadelphia, marched from that city to the rendezvous at Kennett's square. When it was learned that the British had descended on Washington, great alarm was felt in every city along the Atlantic seaboard, and everywhere military measures were being taken for defense. The sending out of the State Fenibles was one of the steps taken to resist an attack by the enemy. The corps was organized by Capt. Clement C. Biddle, a son of the Clement Biddle who is known in history as "the Quaker soldier." In his youth Capt. Biddle served for a time in the navy. As captain of the State Fenibles he took part in several engagements in the war of 1812, and was later appointed colonel of a Pennsylvania infantry regiment.

Do You Know the Feeling? There are times when I grow tired of socialism and industrialism and syndicalism and Bergsonianism and Nietzscheanism and feminism; times when I do not want to be a reformer or an uplifter or even a public-spirited citizen when "I do not hunger for a well-stored mind" and am tired of books and of talking about them and of urging others to read them. With much bandying-about these become unreal; one is filled with doubt about them; about their very existence, at least about their importance. It is in such moods that one longs for the kitten or puppy, the lilac leaf-buds, the bean seedling, the chrysalis, the frog.—Robert M. Gay in the Atlantic.

Tragedy of Parnell's Life. The tragedy in the life of Charles Stewart Parnell lay in the unhappy ending of all hopes for Ireland centered in him, and of all the promise of a well-endowed mind, owing to the public discovery of his illicit love for the wife of another, when Captain O'Shea initiated legal proceedings for a judicial decree of separation on the grounds of adultery. The public sense of decency felt itself affronted, and Parnell was immediately doomed to lose all his popularity, and former usefulness.

Birth of Great Ideas. Whether the story of Newton discovering the law of gravitation by watching the fall of an apple is true or not, it might have been. That is the way great discoveries come. The time and the man must be ready for them. But the idea usually dawns as a sort of inspiration.

False Silence. Remember there is a false silence which would be as shameful as any falsethness of speech.—William R. Richards.

RULES FOR SAFETY

Regulations to Be Observed in Operation of Electrical Utilities.

National Bureau of Standards Gives Out Data on Electrical Accidents in Effort to Demonstrate Their Preventability.

Washington.—The study of life and property hazards incident to the generation, distribution, and use of electrical energy includes the consideration of both construction methods and operating practice.

Rules for construction, installation, and maintenance of electrical equipment to safeguard employees and the public are now under preparation by the bureau of standards, department of commerce.

Where particular rules do not apply their omission will of course cause no conflict in practice. It is necessary to adopt additional rules, that could be done at any time by special orders.

It is intended that employees should thoroughly familiarize themselves with all the general rules as well as those which relate solely to their own particular work.

While all the rules find application in the larger industrial or private plants or to utilities of moderate size, some do not apply or apply less fully to the smaller organizations.

The individual rules suggested by conferees and resulting from careful comparisons and selections have been subjected to careful general scrutiny to determine the necessity for each and its general applicability under varying conditions of operation.

After carefully considering each rule and retaining only those essential to the safety of operation, the grouping was made such as to facilitate reference.

The section for employers calls for the provision of employees with rules, diagrams and emergency instructions, their assignment to work according to their demonstrated ability among them in a definite manner so that danger may not arise through conflict on points of authority.

Special rules for employees comprise nine separate headings, covering the entire country, however, fell off to such an extent that with the exception of 1908 the production last year was the lowest since 1860.

Mumps May Be Serious. That mumps is a disease far too serious to be laughed at or joked about is proved by the fact that it causes an average of one hundred deaths a year in England.

special hazards of work about electrical equipment in stations, at switchboards, about overhead lines, in arc lamp attendance, on underground lines, meter setting, testing, and in tunnel or mine work.

In a carefully prepared appendix the value of organized accident prevention work through safety committees, is emphasized as a means for enforcing the effectiveness of safety rules.

Great advantage will result to companies and workmen alike by the general adoption by the several states of a single standard set of safety rules, which can be revised in accordance with the progress of the art and the combined experience of all the companies and commissions of the country.

The scope of the safety rules includes all operation of and work on or about power and signal lines, and the electrical equipment of central stations, substations, mines and testing departments.

METHODS OF GAS TESTING.

The bureau of standards, department of commerce, has just published a circular containing suggestions as to location and equipment of gas testing laboratories, a description of some of the accepted forms of apparatus, directions for the making of the various tests, and recommendations as to the interpretation of experimental results.

No attempt is made to fix on a single method to be used in every case, for it is not believed that uniformity of method is always necessary in order that the results of tests be considered standard.

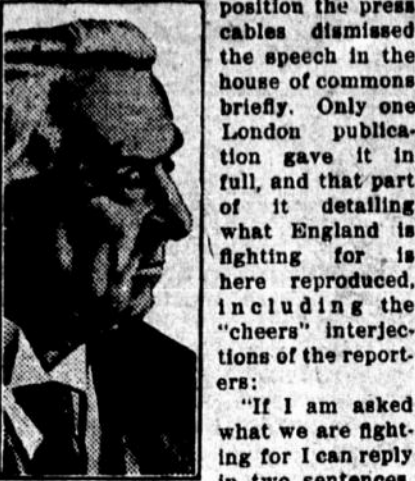
The five principal subjects discussed are: 1. Measurement of heating value. 2. Candlepower determination. 3. Determination of impurities (hydrogen sulphide, total sulphur and ammonia).

Congressman Underwood, who is the calmest man in the world, is timid about just one thing, and that is riding rapidly in an automobile. The other evening a friend of his persuaded him to take a little whirl through the parks in a new machine the friend had just bought.

The most important producer of quicksilver in the United States is the famous New Almaden mine of Santa Clara county, California, which contains over one hundred miles of underground workings and which has produced steadily since 1850.

ASQUITH WAR SPEECH WON BRITISH CHEERS

When Great Britain declared war on Germany and Premier Asquith explained England's position the press cables dismissed the speech in the house of commons briefly.



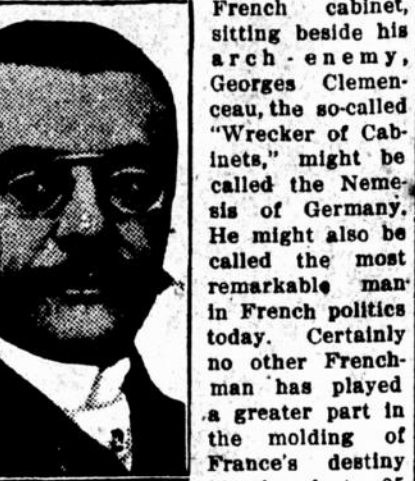
In the first place, to fulfill a solemn international obligation which, if it had been entered into between private persons in the ordinary concerns of life, would have been regarded as an obligation, not only of law but of honor, which no self-respecting man could possibly have repudiated.

national good faith by the arbitrary will of a strong and overmastering power. (Cheers.)

"I do not believe any nation ever entered into a great controversy—and this will be one of the greatest history will ever know—with a clearer conscience and stronger conviction that it is fighting, not for aggression, not for the maintenance even of its own selfish interest, but in defense of principles the maintenance of which is vital to the civilization of the world."

DELCASSE, THE STORMY PETREL OF FRANCE

Theophile Delcasse, who has become minister of foreign affairs in the reorganized French cabinet.



He has known humiliation in his time, as bitter humiliation as men can know. It was Delcasse who bore the brunt of England's wrath over the Fashoda incident; it was Delcasse's political head that was lopped off by Premier Rouvier at the demand of Germany in 1905 because of the foreign secretary's persistent hostility toward Germany's Moroccan ambitions.

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THE OFFICIAL HOSTESS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Only twice before in the history of the nation has an unmarried woman occupied the lofty post which through sad bereavement must now be filled by Miss Margaret Wilson.



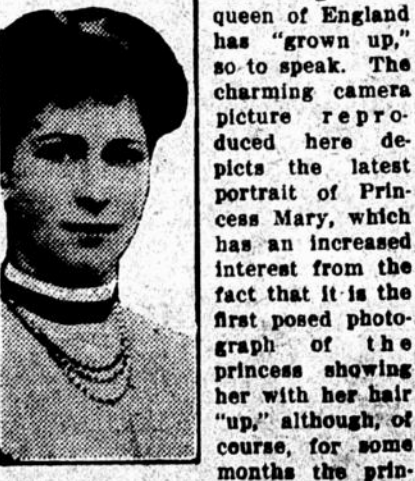
She was the niece of James Buchanan and during his entire four years at the white house she acted as the hostess of the nation. And this with such incomparable grace that she ranks among the great ladies of the mansion, and her regime was eclipsed in social brilliancy only by two who have followed, Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

Times have changed most radically since President Buchanan's niece dispensed the hospitality of the nation and what was accepted as good form then may be questioned by the social best-informed authorities on official etiquette doubt whether Miss Wilson may stand beside her father when the official levees are in progress.

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The charming camera picture reproduced here depicts the latest portrait of Princess Mary, which has an increased interest from the fact that it is the first posed photograph of the princess showing her with her hair "up"; although, of course, for some months the princess has worn this outward sign of womanhood.

to remain "little" until they reach the seventeenth year; then they are permitted to "put up" their hair and are recognized as a "grown-up." Then, of course, there comes the series of court social affairs in which the "grown-up" princess will set the world gossiping by marrying some eligible from the list of kings' sons of some section of the world, and perhaps she may even be the means of securing for Great Britain a powerful alliance with the nation into whose royal family she marries.

The Woman of It. Crabshaw—You told me if I took you to Europe last year, you'd never ask to go again. Mrs. Crabshaw—But they've got a bigger ship out since then.—Puck.

FOR DINNER AND DESSERT

Good Method of Preparing Flank Steak—Strawberry Cup Pudding to Finish the Meal.

Stuffed Flank Steak en Casserole.—Lay the steak upon a board, spread over it a thin layer of bread dressing, roll up very compactly; fasten the side and ends to inclose the dressing secure. Cut a slice of fat salt pork or bacon in bits and let cook until the fat is drawn out. Dredge the roll of meat with flour and rub it in thoroughly; then brown it in the fat, turning the roll as it browns until the whole surface is nicely colored.

Strawberry Cup Pudding.—Butter and dust with sugar five cups; fill three-quarters full with the following mixture: One cupful bread crumbs, one cupful hot milk, four tablespoonfuls sugar, two eggs beaten very well and a half pint of strawberry preserves.

MENU FOR HOT WEATHER

Ideas That Will Save Time When One Is Not in Particular Mood for Working.

On warm days, when one's enthusiasm for cooking or baking is on the wane, the following suggestions may be of help:

Buy a plain cake from the baker's. Cut it through the long way twice, making three layers. Then mash two or three ripe tomatoes or other fresh fruit and spread on layers. For a frosting use confectioner's sugar, mixed with a little water and favoring. Then sprinkle with coconut. Or make frosting of sweetened condensed milk mixed with melted, unsweetened chocolate.

For soup purchase a can of tomato soup. Cook half a cup of rice or barley, mash through a sieve and add to soup. This adds a little "home taste" to the concoction.

Then with a salad made of crisp lettuce and cucumbers, olive oil, lemon juice, served with a few salted peanuts or other nuts, one will have an attractive, satisfying supper that has required little labor.

Filling for Floor Cracks. Tear up some newspapers into strips. Cover them with boiling water. If after a little while the newspaper has not absorbed all the water, add a few more strips.

To prevent water from seeping through pottery bowls or vases intended to hold flowers, and thus marring polished wood, coat the inside with white shellac.

Softening New Ropes. To soften new ropes that are extremely troublesome because of their stiffness, the following is excellent: Cover the ropes with water and heat the water until it almost boils, straighten and dry them. Ropes treated in this manner work satisfactorily as soon as dry.

Cold Water Cake. One and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one-quarter cupful of butter, two and one-half cupfuls of flour, two eggs, one cupful of water, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder sifted with the flour.

Rye Drop Fritters. Two tablespoonfuls sugar, one-half cup molasses, pinch of salt, two well-beaten eggs, one cupful either rye or Graham flour, one teaspoonful soda, white flour to make a drop batter.

Raspberry Tarts. Incorporate one pound of self-raising flour and a pinch of salt with one-quarter of a pound of butter; add a pint of milk and two beaten eggs. Mix thoroughly, roll out thin, cut in circles and line buttered pans with them.

Elastic Celluloid Varnish. Elastic celluloid varnish may be made as follows: Cut one ounce of celluloid into fine shreds. Add to a solution of ten ounces of acetone and ten ounces of amyl acetate, and stir it well. Do not wait for it to dissolve.

Why She Was Disappointed. "I was so disappointed that I was out the other day when you called, Miss Percival." "So was I. I felt sure I'd find you, because as I turned the corner I saw you go in."—Boston Transcript.

To Clean Gold Lace. Make one ounce of stale bread crumbs, one-fourth ounce of magnesia and one-half an ounce of cream of tartar into a paste with spirits of wine, and apply to the lace with a small brush. When dry, dust off the crumbs and rub lightly with a chamois skin.

Best Saled Dressing. Mix thoroughly two tablespoonfuls butter, two tablespoonfuls sugar, one tablespoonful salt, one tablespoonful mustard; add two eggs, well beaten; heat one-half cupful milk. Cook until it thickens in double boiler.

DOG DAYS AND WAR

Many Superstitious People Associate the Two.

Belief Has No Basis in Fact, But From Ancient Times the Star Sirius Has Been Blamed for Calamities.

The great world war comes in dog days and hosts of people the world over will charge the monster calamity, the incalculable catastrophe, against the dog star.

When the sun is ardent and the air is sultry, as must often be the condition of the weather in our temperate zone during mid and late summer, many persons are prone to speak of the period as the season of "dog days" and they are giving voice to an ancient superstition. The same thing has been said since the human race was young, and the phrase or its equivalent has come trippingly from men's tongues ever since recorded history began.

From the time that the eastern shepherds watched the skies at night and drew a more or less fanciful likeness between groups of stars and objects known on the earth there was a constellation called Canis Major, or the "Greater Dog." The brightest star of the heavens was in the mouth of that constellation, which to some imaginations possessed resemblance to the outline of a dog. That star in the constellation of the dog came to be called the dog star. It has another name, which is Sirius. It has been estimated that this star has more than thirteen times the magnitude of our sun.

It was a superstition with the early dwellers in the hot portions of the world, and there civilization developed first, that the rising of the dog star with the sun produced pestilential heat. As this event occurred in the summer, there was often pestilential heat, but the dog star could not logically be charged with that misfortune. There was great heat because it was the time when great heat might be expected, and with excessive heat often came pestilence because of the ignorance of the people in matters of sanitation, hygiene and medicine.

In the time of the Romans, or in those ages when the Romans were sufficiently advanced to think of astronomical concerns, they called the bright star in the constellation of the greater dog "Canicular," which was their way of saying that it was the dog star in the dog constellation. The days or the nights when that star was conspicuous in the sky they called dog star days.

Then, because it had received the name of dog star, the popular mind conceived that it was related to the dog, and as the stars and the moon had influence over men, why, the dog star had influence over dogs.

And so the superstition has come down through the centuries. Modern statisticians who have dealt with such things can prove that rabies is commoner, or more frequent, at other times than during "dog days," and just what days are dog days is not easy to define. An astronomer could answer. The canicular days of the Romans were 40. There were 20 canicular days before and 20 after the rising of the dog star, and the rising was described as "the heliacal rising," meaning the time when the star, after being practically in conjunction with the sun and invisible, emerges from the light so as to be visible in the morning before sunrise.

Have your verbs of social intercourse—at least as far as the spirit of them goes—in the second person instead of the third. There is a good deal of human nature in most people, and wishing is more something to be wished of us than to be considered individually.

Preparing for the Fry. "I'm going to make a speech that will make my friends sit up." "You're on the wrong track," replied the experienced campaigner. "See if you can't make one that will cause the other fellows to lie down."

LEARNED FROM WAR

Sanitation and Surgery Have Been Wonderfully Improved.

There is Less Fear of Disease Now—Bullets Are Jacketed and Modern Military Rifles No Gaping Wounds.

In the American Civil war eight soldiers died of disease to one from wounds, writes a United States army surgeon. Experts expect that in the present general European struggle not more than three will fall victim to sickness to one killed on the field of battle. Such is the advance of army sanitation and army surgery in 50 years. The Americans and the Japanese have been the leaders. The United States army hospitals have installed many remarkable innovations since the Spanish-American war, with its dreadful lesson in the danger of typhoid, and these new ideas have been adopted by the army surgeons of old world powers.

So it is expected that the present war, the greatest yet in history, also will be the most humane. There will be no disproportionate mortality list from disease and no army of cripples as an aftermath.

The modern high-power, quick-firing military rifle and the development in artillery will have much to do with the change. Those who die will die more quickly. Gangrene and infection will be practically unknown quantities, it is thought.

Before the Russo-Japanese conflict the armies the world over used a high caliber bullet, made of unheated lead and grained to overcome friction in the barrel. The muzzle velocity was less than half that of the missiles now employed. Then, too, bayonet and saber charges were more common. These resulted in hideous wounds, very difficult for surgeons to handle, very difficult for the bullets of the modern rifle are of less diameter than the ordinary lead pencil. They are jacketed with nickel, lead or steel and have tremendous velocity.

The soft, mushrooming bullets of the old day resulted in the shattering of bones and the crushing, rather than cutting, of tissues. Infection was almost inevitable, the grease being especially unsanitary. A wound in the abdomen was considered necessarily fatal. The death rate among the wounded was enormous.

In recent campaigns there are instances where soldiers shot in what were once considered vital spots have walked unsupported to the field hospitals. Germany uses a Mauser rifle, with a bullet of 8 mm. caliber, steel and copper coated. Great Britain's missile is the Lee-Enfield, caliber 7.7 mm., the coating being cupro-nickel.

The French weapon is the Lebel rifle, of 8 mm. caliber, with bullet coated with nickel. Russia uses Mosin-Nagant rifles, 7.62 mm., with bullets cupro-nickel coated. Austria's chief small arm is the Mannlicher, caliber 8 mm., with a steel sheet over the tip.

Hitting a man beyond 350 yards, the wounds inflicted by all these bullets are clean cut. They frequently pass through bone tissue without splintering. When meeting an artery the bullet usually pushes it to one side and goes around without cutting the blood channel. Amputations are very rare compared with wars of more than fifty years ago. A bullet wound through a joint, such as the knee or the elbow, then necessitated the amputation of the limb. Now such a wound is easily opened and dressed.

SPECIAL TO BYSTANDER.

John H. Brown of Oskaloosa, died at his home on the second floor of his apartment at 218 First avenue, west, at 11:30 a. m., Thursday, Sept. 10, 1914, at the age of forty-one years.

A Wish.

To lie at rest on yon white cloud, A drift along the blue; Forget all care in that cloudland fair And think of heaven—and you.

To lose myself in veiling mist Of cloudland's white and blue; Be lulled to sleep in a slumber deep And awake in Heaven—with you.

—John R. Brown.

FT. MADISON NOTES.

Rev. L. H. Owen, pastor of the A. M. E. church, left Tuesday for Chicago where he will attend the annual conference.

Miss Anna C. Harper left Thursday for Carbonade Ill., where she will resume her duties at teacher in the public schools of that place.

Rev. M. Payton expects to leave Thursday for Chicago to attend the annual conference.

Mr. J. L. Johnson and son of Burlington were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold last Sunday.

Miss Jennie Harper is taking a business course at Johnson's Business college.

WT. PLEASANT NOTES.

(Last Week.)

A farewell social was given by the stewards Monday evening for Rev. W. W. Williams and wife. Rev. Williams left Tuesday afternoon for Chicago, where conference convenes. We hope our beloved pastor will return to us for another year.

The Missionary society met at the A. M. E. church Thursday afternoon. After regular business light refreshments were served.

The King's Daughters society met at the home of Mrs. Charles McCracken on Friday afternoon. After regular business refreshments were served by the hostess. All report a pleasant time.

The building committee of the Second Baptist church gave a social at the home of Mrs. Vellie Thompson.

Mr. Douglas Miller has returned to his home in Des Moines, after spending a week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias McNeal.

Mr. Raymond Davner of Fairfield spent Sunday in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. Rena Smith and daughter, Augusta, of Monmouth, Ill., spent Sunday in the city visiting Mrs. Horace Poeter and Mrs. Jennet McCane.

Mrs. Harriet Smith, Mrs. Belt Robinson and Rev. and Mrs. Eaves have returned from Des Moines, where they attended the Iowa and Nebraska association. They report a pleasant session.

Mr. Harold Gooch of Ottumwa is in our city attending Iowa Wesleyan college.

Mr. Harley Palmer has returned to the city again, after spending a few months in Sioux City.

Mr. Johnnie Wicks has returned from Minneapolis, where he spent the summer.

Mrs. Tilla Williams has returned home from the lakes. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Hartley Mitchell of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

Mr. Wilber Burnhaug has returned from a visit in Washington, Fairfield and Ottumwa.

(This Week.)

Rev. Lesley filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

The Missionary Circle of the Second Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Harriet Smith Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Mollie Hughes, Misses Dorothy and Beatrice Anderson have returned home from a week's visit in Monmouth with their sister, Mrs. Jessie Barnett.

HEALTH HINTS.

A. J. Booker, M. D.

The world is amusement mad. People want to be amused, they want to get away from themselves; some of them want to get so far that they use liquor and drugs in such large quantities that they do not know where they are; and whether it is they or some other fellow that is going home. The churches want their pews filled, and a great many of us would be better off if we helped to fill them.

The mystery to some ministers is why the people do not come to hear about the terrible wrath to come. It makes most people nervous to hear about a wrath to come—especially married men; that is the reason married men go to church less than single ones.

Boys stand on the streets and make remarks or get into mischief because they do not want to sit still; they do not even want to go to the movies. Youth calls for action, for movement, for exercise. No man will go out and ask boys, indiscriminately, to go to prayer meeting. They are infinitely more interested in prize fights than in prayers; they do not think so much of wrestling with the spirit as they do the fellow in the next block.

If you get a fellow into the habit of going to prayer meeting it is only a matter of time until he will lead in prayer, at least that was my experience. If you get a boy into the habit of going to church six nights a week you need not worry about where his feet will take him on the other night of the week. But the churches are closed all the week and the boys stand around. Get a few sets of boxing gloves, a wrestling pad and a shower bath, with some man to keep order, and turn the young fellows loose. Make them come to Sunday school if they are to use the gymnasium and the collection will pay for the stuff you have bought. There is nothing cheap about a boy if he is getting some real action for his money.

Open the meeting with a real short prayer and let them get some of the animal spirits tamed down. The Mormons open all their dances and concerts and young folk gatherings with prayer and have a few of the whiskered elders around to keep order; the result is that they have no problem about questionable amusements.

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PROGRESS MADE IN DENTISTRY

Tri-State Association Meets at Buckroe, Va.

TEETH TOPICS DISCUSSED

Speakers at Second Annual Meeting of Thrifty Organization of Professional Men Emphasize the Importance of Sound Teeth—Dr. A. Ferguson of Richmond, Va., Elected President.

Many human ills, regardless of race, may be traced to poor teeth or to the early loss of teeth, due to neglect and ignorance. Sound teeth are assets of untold value, and the dentist is a real public servant.

How to promote better oral hygiene among the masses and how to create more unity of interest among colored dentists of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia were some of the important problems that were thoroughly and interestingly discussed at the second annual convention of the Tri-State Dental association, which recently held a three day session at Bay Shore hotel, Buckroe, Va.

"The best ever" describes the 1914 convention, and Buckroe Beach has been selected for the next meeting place.

Dr. D. A. Ferguson, Richmond, Va., called the convention to order. The invocation was offered by Dr. Dudley of Roanoke. Frank D. Banks, head bookkeeper in the treasurer's office of Hampton institute, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Dr. T. W. Edwards of Washington.

Dr. Park Tancil of Washington read a paper on "Progressive Dentistry." The discussion was opened by Dr. D. A. Ferguson and was carried on by Dr. A. O. Reid of Baltimore, Dr. Dudley of Roanoke, Dr. E. L. H. Rance of Suffolk and Dr. R. C. Brown of Richmond. "The Lone Practitioner" was discussed in detail by Dr. T. A. Stevens of Virginia and also by Dr. O. R. Johnson, Dr. C. C. Fry, Dr. Dudley, Dr. J. M. G. Ramsey and Dr. A. O. Reid.

Among the visitors to the dental convention were Lawyer J. L. Pollard of Richmond; Rev. A. A. Graham, pastor of Zion church, Phoebus; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, president St. Luke's bank, Richmond; Lawyer Thomas Newsome of Newport News, Dr. Dunstan of Raleigh, N. C. Dr. E. L. H. Rance read a paper on "Ethics in Dentistry," the discussion of which was opened by Dr. R. C. Brown. Dr. C. Fry spoke on "The Business Side of Dentistry." His paper was discussed by Dr. Reid, Dr. Barker, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Dudley, Dr. Ramsey and Dr. Stevens.

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