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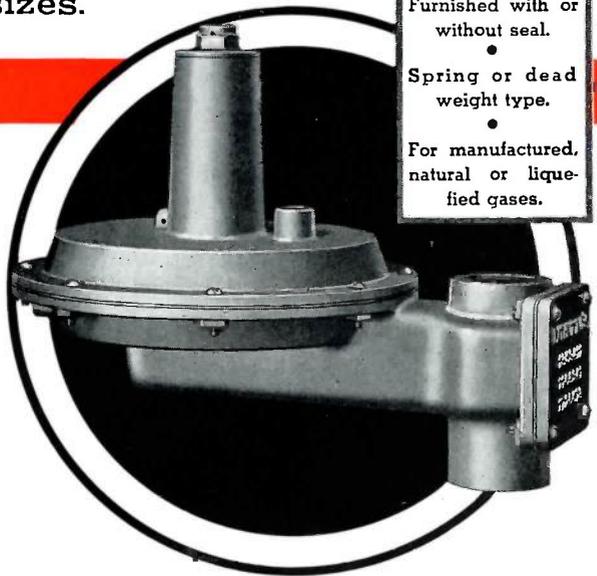
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If all antiquated plumbing in the United States were to be modernized or replaced, there would be no idle plumbers.

In these times of changing conditions and diverging paths, the question is not so much how we stand and where we stand as it is "Where do we go from here." This is the big question that will have to be decided in little more than a year.

Fall and winter add to the fire hazard. It is time to examine your homes, including chimneys and grates and be sure that they are in good shape and safe to use. See that chimneys are clean. Burning soot lighting on roofs is a frequent cause of serious fires. Loose curtains and drapes near a flame invite fires. Aside from the damage to property the loss of life by fire is nearly 8,000 a year.

In a recent issue of the Health magazine, "Hygeia," Dr. W. W. Bauer had an article on typhoid. This magazine is published by the American Medical Association. It is pointed out that in 23 cities there was no typhoid. Cities with modern plumbing, sewers, etc. made a very fine showing. This was better than in the smaller towns and rural sections which do not have the advantage of plumbing and do not give so much attention to sanitation. Treated water, modern plumbing, and drainage protect health by warding off disease, which develop and increase the death rate in communities that have none of these three great essentials mentioned.

PURPOSE OF EDUCATION

President Conant, of Harvard, told his graduates that brains are less important than

Industry vs. Genius

I do not despise genius — indeed, I wish I had a basketful of it instead of a brain, but yet, after a great deal of experience and observation, I have become convinced that industry is a better horse to ride than genius. It may never carry any one man as far as genius has carried individuals, but industry — patient, steady, intelligent industry — will carry thousands into comfort and even into celebrity, and this it does with absolute certainty. — Walter Lippman.

honesty, integrity, and unselfishness and that intellect has been overplayed in the public mind. Too much emphasis on intellect leads too many young men to try professions for which they are not fitted. The purpose of a college education is not to train men to make more money than the other fellow, but to live a better and happier life.

An Omission

A London welfare club gives an annual bathing outing to new boys.

Said one: "I say, Bill, ain't you dirty!"

Bill: "Yes, I missed the train last year."



Out of Gas

Harry Goldfarb, a New York plumber over-parked. "You see," he told the judge. "my dentist ran out of gas while extracting my teeth and I was forced to wait until he could get a supply." "Good and sufficient reason," said the judge, "you are discharged."

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AUTUMN POEMS

INDIAN SUMMER

A silken curtain veils the skies,
And half conceals from pensive eyes
The bronzing tokens of the Fall;
A calmness broods upon the hills,
And Summer's parting dream distils
A charm of silence over all.

The stacks of corn, in brown array,
Stand waiting through the tranquil day,
Like tattered wigwams on the plain;
The tribes that find a shelter there
Are phantom peoples, forms of air,
And ghosts of vanished joy and pain.

At evening when the crimson crest
Of sunset passes down the West,
I hear the whispering host returning;
On far-off fields, by elm and oak,
I see the lights, I smell the smoke—
The Campfires of the Past are burning.
—*Tertius and Henry van Dyke.*

Poor Deluded Things

We do not in any way endorse the following from Waverly Kalends but reprint it so that our feminine readers may know what other "unladylike" house organs say of them:

"To the child passing into the adult phase of life, the parent is a back-number. And the change in the present generation is more striking than any in recent history, not only in the child, but also in the parent who refuses to accept the verdict of the younger generation. The child now leaps over the years of youth, landing from childhood to adulthood in a single bound and losing the most beautiful period in life. The parent, especially the female of the pair, struggles against the tide of years, using every device in the manufacture of synthetic beauty against being carried into the sedate sphere of matronhood. But in spite of peroxide and permanent waves, the inexorable years carry on without pity for the poor, deluded things."

Our only comment is not our own at all. It belongs to William Shakespeare and seems so apropos that we herewith reproduce it.

"Can such things be and overcome us like a summer's cloud without our special wonder."

A thousand probabilities do not make a truth.

Every path has a puddle.

A close mouth catcheth no flies.

THE NINTH MONTH

Many Notable Events Have Occurred In Month of September

The morrow was a bright September morn;
The earth was beautiful as if new born;
There was that nameless splendor everywhere,
That wild exhilaration in the air,
Which makes the passers in the city street
Congratulate each other as they meet.—Tales
of a Wayside Inn.

September, the connecting link twixt summer and autumn, brings to us as a rule, days that are filled with sunshine, faintly rustling of drying leaves, ripening corn and moonlight tinged with welcome coolness after the summer heat.

The ninth month of the year brings to memory tragic, historical events, which have shocked the world and have been a portentous influence on the history of the nation and the affairs of the world.

The Lamented McKinley

It was in this month, on September 6th, 1901 that William McKinley became one of the country's martyrs, through his assassination by Louis Czolgos. The terrible crime was committed at Buffalo, New York while the president was attending a reception in the Music Hall of the Pan American Exposition. Mr. McKinley was the 24th President of the United States, having been elected in 1896 over W. J. Byran and again in 1900. Prior to that he had been a member of Congress for many years and was twice Governor of Ohio.

Founder of Harvard

On September 14, 1638, the Rev. John Harvard died, bequeathing his library of 260 volumes and 700 pounds to found Harvard College, the oldest and most influential institution of higher learning in the United States. John Harvard was a native of Southwark, London, and graduate of Cambridge University in 1631. He settled in New England in 1637.

American Patriot

September 22, 1776 was the day upon which the great American patriot, Nathan Hale was hanged by the British as a spy. His famous declaration, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country" is known to every school boy. General Washington desired some information concerning the British at New York and Nathan Hale, who had left his quiet life of school teacher to join the Continental Army, volunteered to enter the enemy's lines and get it. He disguised himself as a Dutch schoolmaster, but his disguise was penetrated. He

was tried by court martial and executed, but his fearless utterance quoted above is an immortal part of American patriotism and history.

The Supreme Court

Another notable September day is the 24th. On that day in 1789 the "Judiciary Act" under which the Supreme Court was organized was passed. This was the procedure provided for in the Constitution which reads: "The Judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." Originally this august body was composed of a Chief Justice and four associate justices.

Any four constituted a majority. The number of associate justices has been changed a number of times. At present the court is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices.

Chief Justices

John Jay of New York was the first Chief Justice from 1789 to 1795. Altogether only ten men have filled this high office.

John Jay	1789-1795	6 years
John Rutledge	1795-1795	
Oliver Ellsworth	1796-1800	4 years
John Marshall	1801-1835	34 years
Roger B. Taney	1836-1864	28 years
Solemn P. Chase	1864-1873	9 years
Morrison R. Waite	1874-1888	14 years
Melville W. Fuller	1888-1910	22 years
Edward D. White	1910-1921	11 years
Wm. H. Taft	1921-1930	9 years
Charles E. Hughes	1930-	

Eleven men have been named for the high honor, but one of them, John Rutledge, failed of confirmation by the senate and consequently never took office. Rutledge was a brilliant statesman and jurist and had served as Chief Justice of his own state and as associate justice of the Supreme Court. President Washington selected him to succeed John Jay as Chief Justice but the senate withheld confirmation owing to nascent insanity.

Though able jurists have been named for this high honor no one stands out in the history of the court like John Marshall. His is the longest record of service and he was a dominant figure throughout his long term. He largely shaped the course of the court and for the first ten years practically all the opinions were written and delivered by him.

New Countries

September is also a notable month because of discoveries of new countries and new oceans. It was on September 24, 1493 that Columbus set out upon his second voyage to America.

The Pacific Ocean was discovered by Vasco

Nunez de Balboa September 26, 1513 when he crossed the Isthmus of Panama and was first navigated by a European vessel commanded by Magellan. It was Magellan who named the Pacific.

His voyage through the strait, which bears his name, had been a stormy one and coming upon the great waters of the ocean he called it "Pacific."

LITTLE CARL'S CHOB

Joe Miller: "Ah, hullo Nick, and wie gehts, wie gehts? And how iss it by your son, Carl?"

Nick Stolze: "Ach ja, my son Carl is simply fine. He gets along very good in his new chob."

Joe: "His new chob, eh? Vat kind off a position has he?"

Nick: "He is a butler."

Joe: "A butler, eh? T'ink off leetle Carl a butler. Dot is very good. Iss he mit a chvell family?"

Nick: "Family? V'y no. He's not mit any family."

Joe: "Not mit any family. V'y I t'ought you said he iss a butler."

Nick: "Sure he's a butler. He's mit a ginger ale buttlung company."—Anchor.

Deep Center

Attorney: "Now tell the jury, lady, just where the prisoner was milking the cow."

Sweet Young Thing: "Why, I think it was just a little back of the center, sir."

The famous palace of the Alhambra in Spain was originally a fortress capable of holding 40,000 men.

THE RING GOES ROUND



Groom-to-be: "Did your friends admire your engagement ring?"

Bride-to-be: "Oh, yes, and more than that two of them recognized it."

A GREAT ENGINEER PASSES ON

Wm. Mulholland Who Built Los Angeles Aqueduct and Made Possible the Metropolis of the West Coast—Fame is World Wide

The death of Wm. Mulholland at Los Angeles, July 22, removed from the field of water works engineering an outstanding figure. He received the plaudits of his fellow citizens during his long and useful life and in his death the people of the great western metropolis bowed their heads in grief. To him, more than any individual, is given the credit of raising Los Angeles from a city of small population with little hope of ever attaining the proud position today of being the fifth largest city in the United States. Inadequate water supply was the barrier which threatened to keep the famous western city in the small town class. Wm. Mulholland broke that barrier and provided ample water, and from that moment the growth of Los Angeles has been phenomenal. It is for this that the people lauded Wm. Mulholland when alive and showered him with honors, and in his passing paid homage and respect to his memory such as is seldom bestowed on a private citizen in any country.

Flags At Half Mast

With flags at half mast, his body lay in state in the rotunda of the city hall. Men in all walks of life paid tribute to his memory, and the papers devoted pages to his long and useful life, his engineering achievements and his unsullied character.

Mr. Mulholland's fame is not confined to Los Angeles alone. It is world wide in engineering circles.

Native of Ireland

Mr. Mulholland was a native of Belfast, Ireland, where he was born September 11, 1855. He was educated in public schools and Christian Brothers College, Dublin. While yet a boy he shipped as a sailor before the mast and landed in America in 1872. After six years in the middle west he sailed for California, expecting to visit relatives in Los Angeles. He reached there in 1877 and soon found employment in the water department as a zanjero or ditch tender. He was a student and a great reader and fulfilled his ambition of being an engineer, as well as a geologist.

Unique Distinction

"In the annals of water works construc-



William Mulholland

tion," wrote W. W. Hurlbut, office engineer of the water department, "no other man had the unique distinction of having so completely built a distributing system, as well as the water supply, to provide a city throughout its growth from a mere hamlet of 9,000 people to a metropolis of 1,250,000 as did Mr. Mulholland."

His advancement was rapid. In 1886, he was made general superintendent of the water works. In 1902, Los Angeles took over the water works and Mr. Mulholland was made chief engineer. The water supply was insufficient and Mulholland visited the Owens River country to determine the feasibility of obtaining water for Los Angeles, and upon his return recommended an aqueduct 250 miles long. This work started in 1903 and was finished in 1913 at a cost of \$40,000 less than the estimate of \$24,000,000.

In 1923 when it became evident on account of the tremendous increase in population that a new source of water supply was necessary, Mr. Mulholland once more took up the search for another dependable water supply.

This time his explorations led him to the Colorado River as the only source of sufficient magnitude to fulfill the city's water requirements. In October, 1923, he launched a systematic survey to determine the most practicable route for an aqueduct from the Colorado River to Los Angeles. Under his

direction, 60,000 square miles of terrain were studied and charted and five possible routes determined. As planned by Mulholland, an aqueduct capable of carrying 1500 second feet of water could be constructed. This supply was estimated as being sufficient for the needs of 7,500,000 people. The data acquired by Mulholland and his engineers were turned over to the Metropolitan Water System.

In December 1928 after fifty years, this great engineer voluntarily retired. His resignation was accepted with a proviso that he would serve the city in an advisory capacity.

In 1914 the University of California conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. As an authority on geology, Mr. Mulholland delivered a number of lectures at the University.

He was a member of the following: American Society of Civil Engineer, Pacific Coast Consulting Engineers, Engineers and Architects of Southern California, National Association of Power Engineers, American Water Works Association, Seismographical Society of America.

He is survived by two sons, Perry and Thomas Mulholland, of Los Angeles, and Miss Rose Mulholland of Los Angeles, Mrs. Ronald Mack of San Francisco, and Mrs. Ruth Wood of New York.

An Editorial Comment

The estimation in which this great Engineer was held is best told in the following leading editorial in the Los Angeles Times.

"William Mulholland, super-zanjero of the city of Los Angeles and one of the ablest and most useful public servants any community ever had, is dead, full of years and honors—not the least of the latter being the high esteem and deep affection of his fellow-townsmen.

At the end of a life of hard work and high achievement, it may truly be said of him that both his character and his ability had earned him the respect of all men. The builder of the Los Angeles Aqueduct will long be remembered, not merely as one of the great construction engineers of all time, but as the man who, almost single-handed, made possible the metropolis of Los Angeles.

When he came to the building of the aqueduct in the early years of the century, he was confronted not only by a difficult physical, but a tremendous fiscal problem. The sum of \$24,500,000 which he estimated to be necessary was an enormous amount for the Los Angeles of that time.

At its inception, the project was generally opposed as an impossible burden on a small and far from wealthy community. With an inspiration born of his months of toil in its exploiting, Mr. Mulholland was one of the few with the vision to foresee that an abund-

ance of water would mean for Los Angeles the difference between a town in the desert and one of the world's great cities.

Against the opposition of many of Los Angeles' most powerful interests, including all of its then newspapers except The Times, Mr. Mulholland strove long and nearly alone to ultimate success. Daily for many weeks he spoke wherever he could gain a handful of hearers in behalf of the project. Hard common sense rather than eloquence based his plea.

His trenchant phrase: "If we don't get this water we won't need it"—meaning of course that without the aqueduct the growth of Los Angeles would stop dead—was the argument which ultimately won over timidity and short-sightedness and gained a triumphant majority for the aqueduct bond issue. But for his tireless efforts it would almost certainly have been defeated—and Los Angeles would have remained a tenth of its present size.

So it was when twenty years later, Mr. Mulholland saw the approaching exhaustion of the supply he had tapped for the city's benefit, and named the Colorado as the best practicable source of a new supply and 1500 second feet daily as the amount required, men set about straightway to translate his dictum into reality, almost without questioning it.

It was an excellent example of the power of his mind, the force of his personality.

There will be many tributes to William Mulholland, chief engineer of the Los Angeles water system—the man who grew with his job, who entered the service of the community as a zanjero or ditch-tender and emerged at the head of an organization more largely responsible than any other for the creation of a great city.

But the one fact that he was deemed so trustworthy that a metropolitan community took his word at its face value to the extent of pledging itself to an expenditure of \$240,000,000 is perhaps the highest one that can be paid."

MADE HIM HOME SICK

"Shut that door," "Where were you reared—in a barn?"

The man addressed complied gently, but the speaker looking at him a few moments later saw tears in his eyes. Going over to him he nobly apologized. "Don't take it to heart so much, just because I asked you if you were reared in a barn."

"That's it," sobbed the other man, "I was raised in a barn and it makes me homesick every time I hear an ass bray."

Maintained Her Dignity

Judge: "Mrs. Murphy, why did you assault the Gas man?"

Mrs. M.: "Sure, yer honor, he called me an occupant."

I'm Tellin' You



Among the movie girls at Hollywood blue eyes are said to predominate. Among the gents, however, black eyes are quite common. But not naturally so — they are the result of the decorative art of pugilistically inclined individuals.

Be kind to insects sobs a writer. Well, if it's a personal matter we shall not hurt you, but if you expect us to sit in the gloaming and feed ice cream to the vicious brand of mosquitoes wished on Illinois this season, we positively refuse.

Seventy-five million more cigarets made in June, 1935 than a year ago. Leave it to the ladies to help do things in a big way.

Rolling about the country costs auto tourists three billion annually.

Anyway the prodigal son got his feet under the family table without thumbing his way back.

If the hot weather gets your goat sit down in the shade, concentrate on this word until you can spell it.

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis. And after you spell it, forget it, although it is alleged to be the name of a disease affecting underground workers and not a jumble of letters produced by some sleepy-eyed linotype operator.

"If", says an official, "it were not for the parole system there would be standing room only in the penitentiaries". And we suspect a long waiting line ready to crash the gate.

Do ghosts smoke, asks the Detroit News. Our answer is "Yes" and "No." It all de-

pends on which "H" they went to. If below they smoke. If above no.

There were not so many as the Dionnes, but think of one weighing 49 pounds born at Brookfield, Ill. to Mrs. Hippopotamus in the Brookfield Zoo.

Cigaret production in June was 12,119,000,000, being 75 million more than June, 1934. In governmental enterprise anything in the billion class is dignified with a string of initial letters. Cigaret makers seemed to have earned this distinction.

Ellis Betts, elevator operator in the House of Congress made the front page with his annual joke upon the adjournment of Congress, to wit: "Well, the country's safe." We do not accept this as a joke, but rather as a sigh of relief that nothing of untoward circumstance happened to the country during the session; or as a bit of fine sarcasm; or giving Mr. Betts full credit of a man of acuteness of intellect and nicety of discrimination between periods of danger and periods of assured safety.

It is a pleasure to note by the last important match signs of slight cultural improvement in professional wrestling which we have always considered a brutal sport. These budding evidences came in the recent bout between Billy Mahoney and Ed Don George. Under new rules, which provide a match lasting over one hour is won by the man securing the throw or fall. In their inability to torture, maim or cripple each other and secure a fall in less than an hour, these soft-hearted gentry resorted to a few slaps, and took a few real pokes at each other's phiz thereby demonstrating that they were moved by real human passions much more scientific, softer and sentimental than those actuating a real bone-breaker of a wrestler. Moreover, the decision of Pugilist Braddock in favor of his countryman, was pronounced rank favoritism and led to a free fight which we consider the most artistic ending of a wrestling match ever brought to public attention.

Good Ones

"Give me three collective nouns."

Student: "Flypaper, wastebasket, and a vacuum cleaner."

Smooth speech is honeyed poison.

COOLIDGE'S BURIAL PLACE

A Simple Tombstone Marks the Final Resting Place

We read with deep interest of the unostentatious surroundings which mark the burial place of the late Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president of the United States. While he was known as Calvin Coolidge, his baptismal name was John Calvin Coolidge. Of the thirty presidents who have died, many of them have beautifully formed and carved monuments rising in marble grace above their bodies, but in the case of President Coolidge, the utmost simplicity prevails, not only in the marble stone marking his final resting place but in the rugged surrounding scenery.

Simple Tombstone

Mr. Pauley of the Ohio State Journal, spent a vacation among the Vermont hills and mountains and among the places visited was Plymouth, where Coolidge was born and where his body now lies at rest with those of his ancestors. On a simple tombstone is this simple legend:

Calvin Coolidge
July 4, 1872
January 3, 1933

These few brief facts are in perfect harmony with the life of this distinguished American. The silent Calvin was a man of few words. He knew nothing of the art of political showmanship. His personal needs were limited and his life, even as president was in perfect harmony with his concept of simplicity in all that he said and did.

Buried With His Ancestors

In his story of a visit to Plymouth, Mr. Pauley tells how he and a companion climbed laboriously along narrow, rocky roads that became more difficult of progress as they ascended to the top of "Turrrible Hill," which overlooks a village of twenty-nine persons when no one is absent. Such is the village of Plymouth, birthplace of Calvin Coolidge.

To one side of "Turrrible Hill" is the village graveyard. It is so rugged and steep that it had to be terraced before graves could be located. On one of these terraces, strung in a row, are the graves of the Coolidges, twenty-two in number. Among them is the grave of the thirtieth president of the United States with the plain tombstone carved as mentioned above. It epitomizes the birth, life, and death of a man who was for years honored by his fellow Americans by elevation to many important offices.

Coolidge's Public Service

His first recognition came with his election to the Common Council of Northampton,

Massachusetts, next as a member of the state legislature, twice as mayor of Northampton, again as member of the state legislature, three times lieutenant-governor, twice governor, then vice-president of the United States and then the final and greatest honor which any American can hope to receive, president of the United States. He was called to fill the unexpired term of Warren G. Harding and then re-elected for a full four year term.

Accepted Honor Modestly

He bore his blushing honors thick upon him with a modesty that became the man.

"The sense of honor is of so fine and delicate a nature," says Addison, "that it is only to be met with in minds which are naturally noble, or in such as have been cultivated by good examples or a refined education."

How aptly this dovetails in with the life of Calvin Coolidge.

COMPLETE REPORT

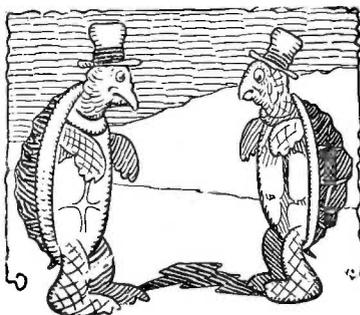
Mr. Lee Harvey, Superintendent of Water Works Department, Conneaut, Ohio, has favored us with a copy of his report for the year ending on December 31, 1934. The city recently built a new plant, and it was written up and illustrated in the Mueller Record some months ago. Mr. Harvey's report is very complete, covering thirty-nine pages of type-written matter. He touches on practically every phase of modern water works profit.

Poor Man Was Lonesome

Judge: "Why did you pick a fight with this inoffensive man? He's a perfect stranger to you."

Culprit: "Excuse it, judge. All me friends was away on their vacations."

HEARD BY WAVELESS



First Turtle: "What do you hear from your missing son?"

Second Turtle: "I have it on very good authority that he is in the soup."

Wisdom of the Ages

Immodest words admit of no defense for want of decency is want of sense.—Wentworth Dillon.

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Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.—Scott.

— o —

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat ones self. All sin is easy after that.—Bailey.

— o —

What is difficulty? Only a word indicating the degree of strength requisite for accomplishing particular objects; a mere notice of the necessity for exertion; a bug bear to children and fools; only a mere stimulus to men.—Samuel Warren.

— o —

In the battle, discontent seeks for comfort, cowardice for courage and bashfulness for confidence.—Johnson.

— o —

True eloquence consists of saying all that should be said not all that could be said.

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The praise of the envious is far less creditable than their censure; they praise only that which they can surpass, but that which surpasses them they censure—Collon.

— o —

Creditors have better memories than debtors; and creditors are a superstitious set, great observers of set days and times. — Franklin.

— o —

Custom does often reason overrule, and only serves for reason to the fool. — Rochester.

— o —

Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth — Proverbs XXVII—I.

— o —

Money is a good servant but a dangerous master. — French Proverb.

— o —

Murmur at nothing; if our ills are comparable, it is ungrateful; if remediless, it is vain. — Shakespeare.

— o —

Take care to be an economist in prosperity; there is no fear of your being one in adversity. — Zimmerman.

— o —

Knaves will thrive, when honest plainness knows not how to live.—Shirley.

— o —

I consider your very testy and quarrelsome people in the same light as I do a loaded gun, which may by accident, go off and kill some one. — Shenstone.

MAXIM'S SENSE OF HUMOR

He Got Even with a Dour Faced Landlady — Equalled by Decatur Instance

Writing in "Harper's," the son of Hiram Maxim, inventor of the automatic gun, tells us that his father was not merely an inventor and a scientist, but he had all the natural qualities of the average human being, including a keen sense of humor.

He relates an incident to prove this. Mr. Maxim, accompanied by his son, set out to a certain part of Brooklyn to locate a first class machinist of whom he had heard. Reaching the house, the great inventor sounded the door bell and the dour faced landlady, opened the door a crack, and with malevolent eye slammed it in his face when he asked for the man.

Not So Easily Beaten

Not to be beaten by this discourtesy, Mr. Maxim and son shortly returned and the same performance was enacted. "Good morning, can you tell me if Mr. Baskerville lives here?" The dour faced landlady was completely outdone by this repetition. She hesitated, but finally snapped: "No, he don't."

This was what Mr. Maxim wanted, and before she could again slam the door said: "Well, who in hell said he did?"

The Decatur Story

This recalls the local incident of Col. White, who conducted the Union Depot hotel and restaurant in the days when hungry travellers made a run for the lunch counter and gulped down indigestible pastry, dry buns, or beans. The latter were most popular because at the last moment the traveller could get them in his mouth, run back to his car, and chew on them until the next station. They were high priced in the colonel's hotel, a fact against which a travelling man one day vigorously protested. Knowing his trade was in transients, the peppery old colonel did not waste time in building good will.

"Pay for 'em," he said curtly. "That's our price. If you don't like it don't come back again."

Colonel Got Telegram

An hour later the colonel got a telegram collect. He didn't get many telegrams in those days when a message was supposed to carry only bad news. He paid seventy-five cents, nervously opened the message, and read:

"I paid for the beans, but it was a hell of a price. You paid for this message. Regular rates."

The choleric colonel nearly choked:

SNAKES

A Good Many Common Beliefs Not Borne Out By Facts

Snakes are generally detested. Most people do not want any association with them. In fact most people fear them. This may explain why there is so much misinformation about reptiles, excepting naturalists. There used to be a belief in hoop snakes and many stories have been told of seeing such a snake with its tail in its mouth, rolling over the ground at terrific speed, then suddenly straighten out and project itself at its victim tail first.

As a matter of fact, the only truth about hoop snakes is that there is a family of reptiles bearing the name. They are small and harmless and found in the southern United States. They don't get themselves in shape of a hoop, don't roll over the ground and don't sting victims with their tails. This, so authorities say, is a negro superstition.

Joint Snake

Then there was another equally mythical snake — the joint snake. — When you struck it the body separated in small sections and flew in all directions. When night came on all these sections reassembled into a whole. In line with this was the glass snake, which shattered when struck. As a matter of fact there is a family of reptiles known as glass snakes found in southern United States and Mexico, but they don't break up when struck and they are not well-known because they are burrowers and hide in soft earth. They are blind and grow to a length of two feet.

Coming down to a real snake — the rattler — another victim of superstition and misinformation. Vicious and venomous as he is he has been classified as a fair foe because he sounds a warning before striking. Now naturalists believe the rattle is for calling his mate.

An Erroneous Belief

Nor does the serpent grow a ring to its rattle every year. The rattler of one season still has only a button, but after that gets two or three rings a year up to ten or eleven rings, then no more. Rings are easily broken off — if the rattle doesn't taper down to a button it's probably broken. The curator of reptiles at the Bronx Zoo was called out to inspect a rattle of twenty-four rings — but found it was a fake, consisting of rattles from three separate snakes snapped together. The zoo keeps a box of rattles handy, and whenever a reptile comes in with a broken rattle they snap on a new one.

You may be surprised to learn that the Encyclopedia says the Prairie Rattle snake is about four feet long, vicious when wild, but lazy and good natured in captivity.

Want a little Prairie Rattler for a pet?

TAKE A CHANCE

Statisticians have figured out how you increase your hazards in driving. They are all the commonest and best known "chances" that autoists take every day. We realize the futility of hoping to correct any one taking any of these chances, and yet we publish the statistics in the faint hope that it will help some erring soul to the path of reform and safety.

Your Chance

If you cut out of line of traffic, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 50.

If you drive over 40 miles an hour, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 25.

If you pass another car on a curve, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 21.

If you pass another car going up hill, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 10.

If you fail to signal a turn or stop, your chances of having an accident are multiplied by 5.

Point of Etiquette

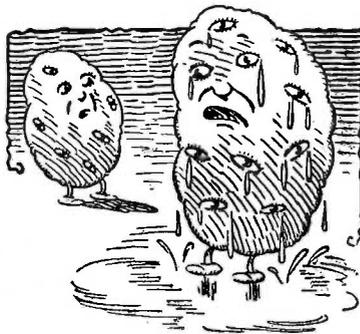
Lady: "Why are you so excited, little boy? Can't you stand still?"

Little Boy: "Lady, is that any question to ask a gentleman?"—*Punch Bowl*.

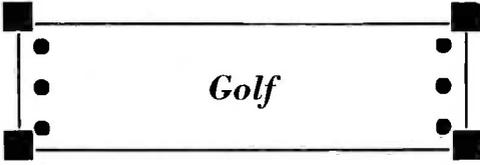
"Was your father a college man?"

"Yes, but we never mention it. The college he went to had a rotten football team."

SUWANEE POTATO



Weep no more, my lady,
O weep no more today
We'll sing one song for our old Potato home
Our old potato patch far away.



Wanted a Big One —

Salesman: "Something in golf apparel, madam?"

Lady: "I would like to see some handicaps. Large size, please. My husband said that if he'd had a big enough handicap yesterday, he'd have won the match."



The Caddy

"Where nowadays will you find the youth who can smile when everything around him is going wrong?"

"On the links to-morrow morning, carrying my clubs."



Children of Champion

Irate Golfer: You must take your children away from here, madam. This is no place for them.

Mother: Don't you worry — they can't 'ear nothin' new. Their father was a sergeant-major, 'e was.



"There's a hole in one," said the golfer as he reached for his socks.



Paralyzed the Pro

Club Pro.: "Do you wish to learn to play golf, madam?"

Mrs. Knew it: "Oh, no, it's my friend here who wants to learn. I learned yesterday."



Followed the Ball

Nurse: "Whom are they operating on to-day?"

Orderly: "A fellow who had a golf ball knocked down his throat at the links."

"And who is the man waiting so nervously in the hall? A relative?"

"No, that's the golfer. He's waiting for his ball."



Obviously Regular

Presto: "Those aren't regular golf stockings that Miss Divot is wearing, are they?"

Chainjo: "They assuredly are. Haven't you noticed the hole-in-one?"



He Knew

Father: "Do you know what happens to little boys who use bad language when they play marbles?"

Son: "Yes sir! They grow up and play golf."



Ready for Rainy Day

"If you spend so much time at golf you won't have anything laid aside for a rainy day."

"Won't I? My desk is loaded up with work that I've put aside for a rainy day."

TATOOING LOSES POPULARITY

Do seamen still get tattooed? Or is the practice as extinct as the dodo? This question was asked among the eight to ten thousand merchant seamen who daily congregate in the lobbies and game rooms at the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, 25 South Street. The answers were varied, but in general the younger seamen are not indulging. They want no fancy ladies decorating their torsos, they scoff. No entwined hearts or clipper ships will adorn their manly chests. It's just exhibitionism, or the instinct to show off. The older sea-farers, to a man, displayed evidence of the tattooer's art, but explained that in the old days it proved useful as identification in cases of shipwreck and accidental drowning. They also reluctantly admitted that they had subjected themselves to the tattooer's needle on their very first voyage, so as to prove they were not sissies and could take it, and also to impress the boys back home on their first return trip.

Brains Grow With Use

The human brain doesn't wear out. It grows with use. Not long before his death I asked Thomas A. Edison how he kept his youthful outlook. He had been talking, at 82, of things he was going to do next.

"You can keep your brain young by working it hard," he replied. "It grows in power with use. The only thing that grows old about a man is his body. If my stomach holds out, I'll be inventing new things at 100."

I am convinced that Edison was right. Of course, some men stop thinking, others never did use their brains much. But the man who has a good brain and uses it to its limit grows in ability as time goes on.—*F. P. Stockbridge.*

The customer in the grocery was hopping mad because he had got his clothes all covered with paint. "Didn't you see that sign saying 'Fresh Paint'?" inquired the grocer.

"Yes," said the victim, "but I had seen so many signs hung up here announcing something fresh which wasn't that I didn't believe it."

MINERSVILLE WATER CO.

Gives Eighty Years of Satisfactory Service — A Fine Record

"Eighty Years of Service," This is the title of a neat little booklet dedicated to the Borough of Minersville and vicinity. This booklet gives the history of the Minersville (Pa.) Water Company, which was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, April 30, 1855.

On June 2, 1855, Commissioners appointed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock held their first meeting, which was of rather formal character, providing the necessary initial steps.

There were 181 original subscribers to the stock which indicates a strong favorable sentiment among the residents of Minersville. At that time the residents of the little town had to carry water from wells, springs, and running streams.

Many Stockholders for 50 Years

Speaking of the stockholders, the booklet says:

"As time moves on, we find today an interesting fact concerning the stock of this company has been disclosed. Eighty per cent of the shares issued is held at the time this is written — by estates, widows, and orphans, in trust funds, by recipients of bequests."

A surprising number of the residents of the town of Minersville have held water company stock for fifty years or more.

During the years of the depression, the Minersville Water Co. did not refuse service to any family who could honestly show inability to meet a water charge.

Wages Exceed Code

Since 1932 it has enabled 587 families to secure service by providing work for their members.

It paid a labor wage of fifty cents an hour compared to the code rates which provided an hourly minimum rate of 35 cents.

Comparative Costs

This booklet gives some interesting comparative costs of liquid and other commodities.

	Per 1,000 gallons
Milk	\$ 52.00
Beer	65.00
Soda water	130.00
Gasoline	200.00
Water08
	Ton cost 2000 lbs.
Sand and gravel75
River sand	5.06
Coal	7.25
Cement	17.00
Lime	22.80
Cast Iron Pipe	48.50
Water22½

Over Half Million in 1934

During the year 1934 the company made extensive improvements costing \$612,858.17 divided as follows:

Dams and reservoirs	\$274,662.24
Purification plant	6,360.22
Transmission, distribution mains, and service lines	331,835.71

NAUGHTY NOAH

The effect of training and education is shown in the story of Noah Webster and the housemaid. Noah, being a lexicographer, had of necessity the habit of using the word of the right shade of meaning. So he saved the day for himself, according to one writer, when his wife came upon him in the act of kissing the housemaid.

"Noah," she said with marked severity, "I am surprised."

"Pardon me, madam, if I correct you. I am surprised and you are astonished."

That's as far as the story goes, but we imagine the ending was really like this.

"All right, Noah, have it your own way, but chase yourself back to your study and your words and don't let me catch you kissing any more maids. And as for you, you good for nothing hussy, get your belongings and get 'th ell' out of here while you are al-together."

She Ought to Know

Bill was pugnacious, but he didn't live long. A few days after his funeral his widow was hanging pensively over her front gate. A neighbor came along.

"Well, poor Bill," she began, "he'll be hittin' the harp with the angels."

"Not he," said the widow. "More likely he'll be hittin' the angels with the harp."

"Some are as positive as ignorance and narrowness can make them."

The greatest skill is in disguising one's skill.

OPEN MOUTH EFFECT



"Jane knows enough to keep her mouth shut doesn't she?"

"Keep her mouth shut! Say, man, take her out to dinner and get that false notion out of your mind."

GOOD BYE ROCKING CHAIR

Franklin Blamed for Contraption Responsible for Many a Laugh

A writer broadcasts the news that the good old rocking chair is in the discard except as an heirloom or an antique. To be exact, its disappearance is not news. The "skipper" in the well appointed house put the rocker on the hummer several years ago. We understand that it is still acceptable in the boudoir, if the house has only four rooms and a bath, but in the main solon it is nix.

Blame It On Ben

Credit for the idea of the rocker is given to Benjamin Franklin which creates in our mind the suspicion that uninformed writers lacking knowledge of the beginning of anything, pin it on good old Ben. Some times we wonder how he found time to edit the Saturday Evening Post, write all those maxims and set his type, and yet do good eight hour day of inventing this that and the other thing. However, there is one undeniable fact sustained in the claim, which is that necessity is the mother of invention. The writer says that increasing weight led him to attach curved pieces of iron to the bottom of his chair and in this way he was safe from crashing an ordinary seat and at the same time enjoyed a pleasant sensation rolling to and from.

Reasons for Regret

There are many regrettable reasons for the disappearance of the rocking chair. Among them is its contribution to the art of gymnastics. Persons with no knowledge of the acrobatic talent concealed within their frame, have suddenly sprung into limited prominence before a room full of company when the good old rocker rocked too far back. The unannounced and unsuspected comedy gymnastics of the occupant of the chair never failed to create uproarious merriment. If this occupant happened to be a woman everybody supplemented their laughter by "giving the little girl a hand."

Nothing More Inconstant

Nothing is recalled as inconstant as a poorly balanced rocking chair, except one of the new fangled adjustable lawn chairs which you place on the lawn in the spring and put in the garage in the fall, or an icy sidewalk. Each and all of them is a contraption of a devilish mind appreciating the twin possibilities of humor and discomforture.

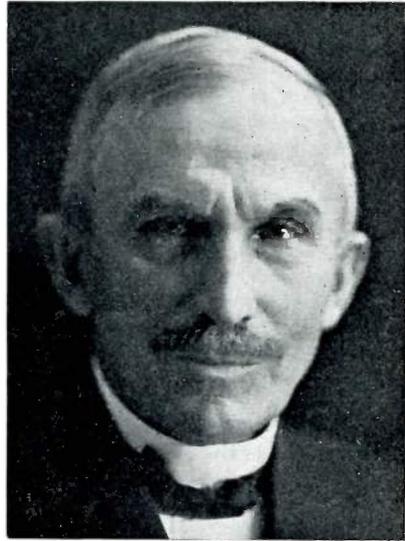
Furnish Many a Laugh

You can get a good laugh at any time in

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ACTIVE AT 82

Attorney A. G. Webber Was At One Time a Mueller Apprentice



A. G. Webber, a prominent attorney of Decatur, recently celebrated his 82nd birthday, an occasion of general interest in this city and especially to members of Mueller families and of this company. Mr. Webber's unimpaired mental faculties, his physical activity and his alert interest in all current questions are a source of wonder and comment. He still enjoys anything from six to ten miles cross country walk Sunday afternoons. He seldom makes use of his automobile, walking to and from his office daily.

A Mueller Apprentice

At one time Mr. Webber was an apprentice of the late Hieronymus Mueller. This was during the period when Decatur was building her first water works and he retains many interesting recollections of Mr. Mueller's exact methods of handling mechanical problems. However, Mr. Webber had other ambitions, the ultimate of which was to be a lawyer. To accomplish this he took up telegraphy and he remembers it sufficiently well to still tap off a message as it was done in his day. From telegraph operator he became a railway conductor but he devoted every spare moment to the study of law. He has practiced law in Decatur and adjoining cities for more than a half century and for most of that time has been legal adviser of this company and of members of the same as individuals. In fact Mr. Webber is quite generally regarded as a member of the organization because of his long affiliation in a legal capacity as well as his early association with the founder of the business.

ALL IN ONE-HALF HOUR



There is something odd about rain storms, as they affect Mueller employes, in that they arrive just as the lunch whistle blows or when the evening quitting whistle is sounded. This may or may not be true, but it seems to be.

Be that as it may, it was true of the great rain fall which cut loose at lunch hour July 12. In less than half an hour 2.12 inches of water fell, flooding many sections of Decatur. The above are street scenes around Mueller factory. Before the pictures could be taken the water was up to the running board of the line of automobiles. These were on the south side of Cerro Gordo street. The picture to the right showing the boy in a bathing suit is a view of Monroe street. The large building shown is the cafeteria. Lunch hour was delayed nearly an hour because the water was so deep the hungry office folks could not get through it. It was the heaviest rainfall of the year, in fact, of many years. However, the "flood" passed away in thirty minutes after the rainfall ceased.

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the combination of an innocent trusting human and a rocking chair, lawn chair, or a small piece of ice on the sidewalk. Never let the fact that this combination results in broken arms or legs, cuts, bruises or other bodily injuries interfere with your hilarious enjoyment.

If you do you'll be accused of being short on humor.

Achievement never flirts with quitters.

Wide horizons tend to enlarge the mind.

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Power

Power will intoxicate the best hearts as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough, nor good enough to be trusted with unlimited power; for whatever qualifications he may have evinced to entitle him to the possession of so dangerous a privilege, yet when possessed, others can no longer answer for him because he can no longer answer for himself.
—Collon.

Queer Things About Eureka Springs

Eureka Springs, Arkansas, is a noted health resort, but it has a freakish layout. The Catholic Tribune tells that it is the only city in the United States with a basement; the only city in the United States that cannot accommodate a circus; the only city having an eight story hotel and each floor a ground floor.

"A cave which extends under most of the city," says the Tribune, "gives claim to the first distinction. Hills make it impossible for a circus to find enough level ground on which to raise a big tent. The Basin Park hotel, built on a hillside, has an opening on each of its eight floors to the hill.

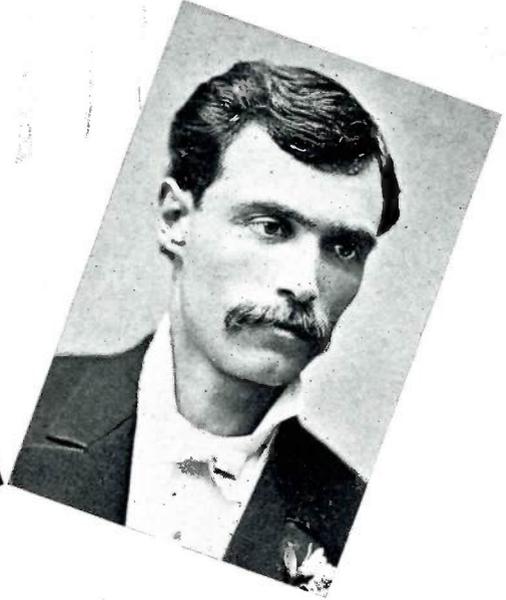
"The high school there has never had a football team because there was no place for a gridiron. Baseball teams go five miles for a suitable field for a diamond. The top of a mountain was scraped off to make an airport."

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HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE



Mr. Hess as he appears today



Mr. Hess when he joined the San Jose Water Company

"When a man likes his job as well as I do, he'd be foolish to quit," said Alexander W. Hess, Chief Operator of the San Jose, California, Water Works.

"And that goes for the company," said President H. S. Kittredge, as he presented Mr. Hess with a silver plaque awarded by the Board of Directors in recognition of Mr. Hess' fifty years of service.

"I am going to stay in the harness as long as I can wiggle," said the Chief Operator, who is only 80 years old, and President Kittredge answered, "You bet you are, Alex." President Kittredge recalled that Mr. Hess used to leave his engines in the days before electrification to give him some fatherly advice on some of his problems when he joined the company 35 years ago.

Memories Now

Mr. Hess has had a varied experience in his ½ century with the San Jose Water Works, but what were troubles one day long ago, are now only memories, wherein the veteran can get a laugh or a chuckle.

When he joined the company May 18th, 1885, the plant had one 40 gallon per min. pump or 57000 gal. per 24 hours. Now the pumps he superintends have maximum capacity of about 20,000,000 gallons per 24 hours. Then there were 5 employes, including the superintendent. Today there are 85.

Firemen "Put Out" Water

During his early service Mr. Hess had to

run pumps standing hip deep in flood waters from Los Gatos Guadalupe Creeks. On one occasion it was necessary to call the fire department, not to put out fire, but to "put out" the water which flooded the pump pits.

"Some have asked how it feels to make such a record, and why," says Mr. Hess. "The only answer I can give is that when a man is pleased with his job and has the goodwill and support of his employers on all occasions, time passes so quickly that it seems yesterday was the beginning, and today the half century has become a memory with all the landmarks still remaining as vivid as at the start.

Sorrowful Day

"My connection with San Jose Water Works commenced on the 18th day of May, 1885 as Chief Engineer, which position I held for many years. As time advanced, improvements and changes had to be made to keep abreast of the times. Electricity was the new power. When this change was made, I can assure you it was a sorrowful day for me. The passing of the wonderful engine with its fly wheel adorned with the beautiful Roman Key painted on its sides to a grave in the junk yard was an ignominious conclusion to my personal joy and admiration of this machine. What an ending!

"All I have now is buzzing wheels or runners in cast iron boxes whirling the water

out into the City to give some hungry soul a drink. Names have changed to designate the new order, and we are now known as "Chief Operator" with about 2700 horsepower operating in the several stations.

Enjoyed Masonic Honors

"As a running partner coming down through the ages, I became interested in lodges as an additional nightly duty. This experience has resulted in my becoming a Past Master in the A. F. & A. M., a Past Commander in the Knights Templar and a member of the Shrine, all of which are an interesting list of epochs in my life."

"We Are 20 Tonight"

When we consider Mr. Hess and his long useful life, his still buoyant spirit and his earnestness and energy still devoted to a task which benefits man, makes modern industry possible and contributes to the health of humanity, we think of nothing more appropriate when offering our congratulations than Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "The Boy," also known as "We are Twenty Tonight." The opening stanza:

"Has any old fellow got mixed with the boys?
If there has, take him out, without making
a noise.

Hang the almanac's cheat and the catalogues
spite!

Old time is a liar! We're twenty tonight."

And the closing:

"Then here's to our boyhood, its gold and
its gray!

The stars of its winter, the dews of its May!
And when we have done with our life lasting
toys,

Dear Father, take care of thy children,
THE BOYS."

In love, as in religion, faith worketh miracles.—Morton.

And he is oft the wisest man
Who is not wise at all.—Wordsworth.

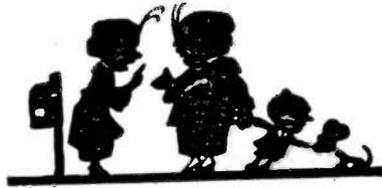
Misery acquaints a man with strange bed-
fellows.—Shakespeare.

LONDON ILLUMINATION

The illuminating system of the streets of London consists largely of what is called Belisha beacons, which are topped by an orange globe. These globes cost several dollars each, even when purchased in quantity, but they have proven even more expensive by reason of the fact that, because of their color, they are a constant target for small boys and persons with an inverted sense of humor. In a comparatively short time, 3,000 of these globes were broken and replaced.

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Kid Humor



Draining Crank Case

Johnny (city boy watching farmer milk)
"What are you doing?"

Farmer: "Milking the cow. Now you know where milk comes from, don't you?"

Johnny: "Sure. You give her some breakfast food and water and then drain her crankcase."



Papa: "Stop reaching across the table, Junior! Haven't you a tongue?"

Son: "Yes, sir, but my arm is longer."—
Colgate Banter.



Mother — "Bobby, when you were eating nuts in the street car, I hope you didn't throw the shells on the floor."

Bobby — "No, mother, I put them in the pocket of the man who sat beside me."



The Family Zoo

Tommy: "Everybody in our family is some kind of animal."

Mother: "What do you mean?"

Tommy: "Why mother you're a dear, you know."

Mother: "Yes, Tom, and the baby is mother's little lamb."

Tommy: "Well, I'm the kid; sister is a chicken; aunt is a cat; Cousin Kate is a bird; and Uncle Jim is a mule; little brother's the pig. Dad's the goat; an - -"

Mother: "That is enough, Thomas."



Mother (to her little boy, after telling her a lie) "Do you know what happens to little boys that tell lies?"

Son: "Yes, mother; they travel half fare."



"I'll give you a nickel for a kiss," said the amicable visitor to the little daughter.

"No, thank you," said she sweetly. "I can

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OUR ANNUAL PICNIC AUG. 17

The annual picnic of Mueller Employees was held at Mueller Heights Saturday, August 17th, and for the second time in succession it was held between showers. The early morning rain — one of the heaviest of the summer — gave little encouragement for an outing, neither did the subsequent hours, which were filled with intermittent showers until noon, — then there was another downpour.

After that the sun came out and by reason of the excellent natural drainage, the grounds quickly dried and permitted the inauguration of the principal program about an hour behind time.

Turned Out Fine

There was a big crowd on the ground by 2:00 P. M. and from then on the picnic was full of life and fun and proved to be, at the close, as good, if not better than the best of a long line of annual picnics.

Children's Parade

There was a herd of 12 ponies for the children and these ponies, decorated in real circus fashion, were ridden by little folks in the Children's Parade, the opening feature of the afternoon programme. The children were provided with balloons with a small bit of national colors attached to the string. The boys wore a band of Indian feathers on their foreheads, while the little girls had paper hats and parasols. In the parade was the trained horse, which afterwards appeared on the stage of the open air theater, ridden by its owner, and doing fancy steps to the music. There was Mrs. Nanny Goat, which had been subjected to gross indignities, which she ruefully accepted. On her head she wore a gaudy sun-bonnet. Her face was hid by a mask, in which a cob pipe was fastened, and on her short and ever moving tail a balloon was attached. There was a "make believe" elephant, giraffe, and ostrich in the line. Homer Williams impersonated "Uncle Sam" and several clowns added to the fun. The Mueller Boy Scout Troop, with flags of all nations, lead by Uncle Sam made an interesting section. Goodman's Band of 20 pieces led the parade, which was a colorful affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the adults who assembled along the line of march.

At Open Air Theater

At the close of the parade the open air theater was quickly filled for the afternoon exercises, as follows:

OPEN AIR EXERCISES

2:00—Patriotic Music—Flag Raising—Boy ScoutsGoodman's Band
2:10—Welcome AddressRobert Mueller

2:20—Annual AddressAdolph Mueller
SelectionGoodman's Band
Mickey and Minnie Mouse—Specialty
DanceClara & Ted Dawson
SelectionGoodman's Band
Elliot's Performing Horse
Tumbling Act
.....12 Girls from Enterprise School
SelectionGoodman's Band
Elmer Merrow's Cocoanuts
Leonard Lambert, Piano-Accordion
Sandy Beaman, Raymond Beaman,
Guitars
Selection—Goodman's Band
Elmer Merrow's Imitation Maple City
Four
Bob Glosser, Bud Glosser, Wayne
Glosser, Chick Schultz

COMIC STUNTS

Balloon Blowing Contest for Girls
Watermelon Eating Contest for Boys
Smoking Contest for Men
Egg Tossing Contest for Men
Pop Drinking Contest for Men
Balloon Ascension

The addresses this year were brief. Mr. Robert Mueller made a few welcoming remarks and Mr. Adolph touched on general business topics and factory affairs.

High Lights

The high lights of the program, were Mickey and Minnie Mouse, a team dance in costume, Elliot's performing horse, and the tumbling act of the 12 girls from Enterprise. These girls showed combined ability and agility. They are members of a class in one of the county schools. Merrows Cocoanuts and quartette, also pleased in musical and vocal acts.

The comic stunts, a stock part of all picnic programs, never fail to create hilarity in the audience and they ran true to form in this instance.

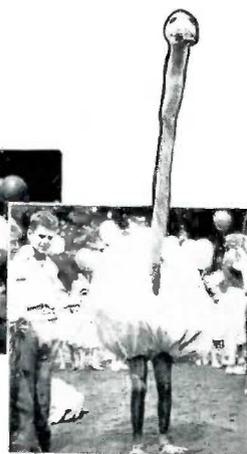
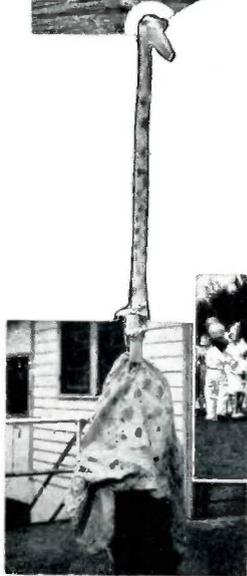
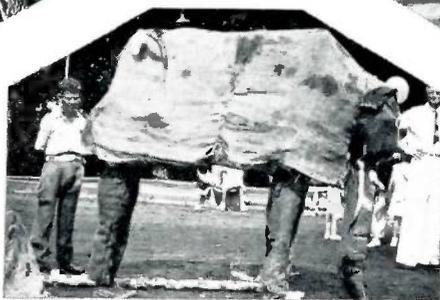
THE EVENING PROGRAM

This was the crowning feature of the day; cool, clear, and delightful beneath the old oaks and elms, which form a canopy over the auditorium of the open air theater. The crowd was the largest ever present at evening picnic exercises, with the single exception

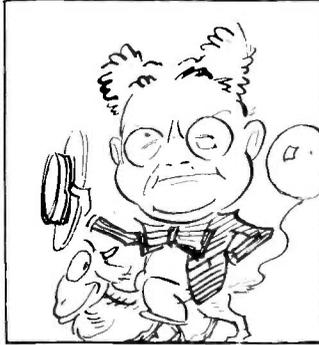
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On the opposite page are scenes from the children's parade, feature of Mueller picnic day. With the children wearing gaily colored paper caps, floating toy balloons, band, ponies, and comic characters, it was a spectacle which all enjoyed.

The gentleman with the hoisted umbrella is Superintendent Roarick, who assisted Harley Himstead and Marshall Hobbs in handling the parade.



PICNIC CARTOONS



Upper left: M. W. Trott, traffic manager
 Lower left: C. F. Roarick, platform manager
 Center: Editor of the Mueller Record, who acted as chairman of the general committee.

Upper right: Ed. C. Stille, electrician
 Lower right: E. H. Langdon, manager of the Baby Show and his assistant, Robert Tauber.

Shoot If You Must

Footpad: "Get ready to die. I'm going to shoot you."

Victim: "Why?"

Footpad: "I've always said I'd shoot anyone who looked like me."

Victim: "Do I look like you?"

Footpad: "Yes."

Victim: "Then shoot."

Home: The place in which we are treated the best and grumble the most.

Detour: The roughest distance between two points.

Telephone booth: A sort of vertical coffin where sweet dispositions are buried.—Ed Wynn.

Middle Aged: A person ten years older than you are.

Etc.: Sign used to make others believe you know more than you do.—From Reader's Digest.

NEW WORDS

An exchange gives us a list of new words not yet in the dictionary. Among them we find:

Nitropolyglycerin — A chemical compound made from a special kind of glycerin.

Leftist — Nothing new about this. It signifies a party in the German Reichstag or other foreign deliberative bodies.

Jigoku — A Japanese word for hell. It's O. K. for that.

Non-Supp — Refers to non-members of fraternal organizations.

Rabble Rouser — One who stirs up the rabble with harrangues.

Pluviculture — The art of producing rain. One who practices quackery.

The last two words were coined by David Starr Jordan, a noted educator, ichthyologist, biologist, and zoologist. With so many "ologists" to command his attention we shall always wonder how he found time to manufacture words. Our caps off to this famous learned man for his brilliant mental attainments, which to us show least in his word coining.

INTERESTING ENGLISH PAPER

Gives Elaborate Account of the Thanksgiving Jubilee Service

The American newspapers gave plenty of space to the recent Silver Thanksgiving Jubilee Service of their majesties, King George and Queen Mary of England.

However, it was wholly inadequate when one considers the tremendous importance attached to the occasion by the British press and public.

One may partially realize this by reading accounts of the celebration in an English journal. Walter Auer, secretary of L. W. Mueller, Works Manager, has a London friend who was thoughtful enough to send him a copy of "The Sphere." The paper was devoted entirely to a profusely illustrated article on the events coincident with the Jubilee.

The writer had the privilege of careful examination of this splendid example of the printing and engraving arts, which convey in full measure the significance of not only the celebration but the love, honor and loyalty of British subjects for their sovereigns.

Many Photographs

The King and Queen and members of the Royal Family were photographed many times during the ceremonies. Their willingness to pose repeatedly would seem to us a most democratic attitude. The photographs and the art work are a study in themselves, not only of individuals but exteriors and interiors of St. Pauls which gives one an excellent idea of the famous cathedral.

St. Paul's Cathedral has had a long and varied history. It is located at the top of Ludgate hill and is one of the most important places of worship in the world. The first stone was laid June 21, 1675 and under direction of Sir Christopher Wrenn was completed in 1710. The ground plan is in shape of a Latin cross. From east to west it is 515 feet and from north to south across the transepts 250 feet. It rises 365 feet from the pavement. The present St. Paul's is the third built on the present site.

First A Monastery

In the beginning of the seventh century a monastery was built and dedicated to St. Paul. It was destroyed by fire in 1087 and succeeded by the second St. Paul in 1240. This, also, was destroyed by fire in 1666. The architectural beauty of the present St. Paul's fascinates peoples of all countries.

Great Paul the giant bell which pealed forth on Jubilee day is the biggest in the United

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DEATH OF C. T. FORD

Former Mueller Salesman Passes Away at Home Near Washington, D. C.



Charles T. Ford died at his country home, Welcome, Charles County, Maryland, Saturday, August 17, and was buried at Taplata, Maryland, Monday, August 19.

Relatives in Decatur did not receive the news in time to attend the services. W. B. Ford, Mueller salesman, Birmingham, Alabama, reached Welcome in time for the funeral.

Charlie Ford was for many years a member of our travelling sales force with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

He married rather late in life, purchased a country place south of Washington, D. C., made it into a modern home and lived the life of a country gentleman. His wife died several years ago, leaving one son, who is now about ten years old. The other surviving relatives are two brothers, W. B. Ford, Birmingham, Alabama, Frank Ford of St. Louis, and the Misses Kate, Janet, and Ann Ford of Decatur, and Sister Irene of Springfield, Illinois.

Charles T. Ford was a fine type of gentleman, kind, considerate, straight forward and meticulously fair in all dealings with his fellowmen. During his long service with Mueller Co. he was always popular among his brother salesmen and was held in high esteem by company members and executives at the main office and plant.

ONCE TOO OFTEN



"You know very well you asked me three times to be your wife before I consented."
"Alas, too well I know it now. Then I didn't believe in the third time being a charm."

PICNIC CARTOONS



- Upper left: H. L. Himstead, manager of children's parade.
 Lower left: W. T. Auer, manager of concessions.
 Center: Burt Jackson, manager of children's games and pony rides.
 Upper right: Charles Cochran, officer of the day.
 Lower right: Robt. H. Mueller, manager of the golf tourney, dispatching his assistant, Bill Groble, to the 19th hole to see what's holding up the game.

Generous

Top windshield is cracked on left side; windshield is scratched where wiper has been; right headlight glass broken; left fender is split; right front wheel is sprung and wobbles; stolen night of twelfth of February. Reward if returned in good condition.—Judge.

Eye Sight Not So Bad

Helen: "That boy you were riding with has trouble with his vision."
 Mary: "Yeah — he sees parking spots before his eyes."

Why the Hurry

Cop — "Why the speed? Are you late for an accident or in a hurry to see the Judge?"

MOST POWERFUL INSTRUMENT

Words and phrases, says Edmund Shaftsbury, are far more than mere symbols about which we can become relatively indifferent.

They are, perhaps, the most powerful instrumentalities we possess for lodging ideas effectively in the mind. Hence, attention to words and phrases has profound psychological significance. He who would influence human behavior can hardly do better than to proceed quite seriously and persistently to overhaul his verbal equipment and enlarge his vocabulary . . . The greater the number of words that a person is able to use intelligently and with shades of meaning, the greater power his mind has. In looking back over the works of the greatest people who have ever lived, we find that real greatness is accompanied by an increasing proportion of words used by them. Devote as much time as you can to the mastery of words; it pays golden rewards.

Eye Sight Unimproved

Wife — Here's a bill from the optician.
 Husband — Tell him I can't see my way yet to pay it.—The Humorist.

When a man has a birthday, he takes a day off; but when a woman has a birthday, she takes a year off.

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make more money taking castor oil."



He Was Dumb

Mother: "What did your father say when he saw his broken pipe?"

Innocent: "Shall I leave out the swear words, mother?"

Mother: "Certainly, my dear."

Innocent: "Oh, he didn't say anything."



Patsy Ann came racing home from her first day at school to tell her mother about Columbus.

"Mother, you would never believe me when I tell you who it was that gave Columbus money to buy his ships."

Mother: "No. Who helped him, dear?"

Patsy Ann: "It was the queen of spades."

—*Parent's Magazine.*



Small son: "Daddy, what is hooey? What does it mean?"

Daddy: "Hooey, my son, is the sauce they serve with baloney."



Electrician: (Finding son with bandaged hand) "Hello, Georgie! Cut your finger?"

Georgie: "No."

"What happened then?"

"I picked up a pretty little fly and one end wasn't insulated."



Little Jane: (Meeting Aviator) "I was up in the air once myself, but I forget now how it feels."

Mother: "Why Jane, you were never in the air in your life."

Little Jane: "Mother, have you forgotten that the stork brought me here?"



Mother: "Bobbie, what on earth are you doing, gazing down Towser's throat?"

Bobbie: "Looking for the seat of his pants."



Kind Old Man: "Well, Johnny, you are a good honest boy, but it was a ten dollar bill that I lost."

Johnny: "Sure. I know it. I had it changed so the reward wouldn't be less than half dollar."



Tommy: "Mother, let me go to the zoo to see the monkey."

Mother: "Why, Tommy, what an idea! Imagine wanting to go to see the monkeys when your Aunt Betsy's here!"

Natures Beauties

Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own; and from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, is but a succession of changes so gentle and easy that we can scarce mark their progress.—Dickens.

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Kingdom. Cast in the eighties it weighs over 16 tons, is 18 ft. 10" high, base diameter 9 ft. 6½", the clapper weighs 4 hundred weight and 20 pounds and the tongue is 7 ft. 9" long. There are twelve other bells in another part of the Cathedral which joined in the glad music of the Jubilee.

Ancient Carriages

Among the beautiful color pages carried by The Sphere is one of the ancient carriages in which the speaker of the House of Commons rides on state occasions. This great gilded coach weighs nearly three tons. It was drawn by two great dray horses lent by the Messrs. Whitehead, the city brewers. This coach was built in Holland in 1698 for William III.

An Old Custom

Some curious old customs marked the progress of the Jubilee. When the royal carriage reached Temple Bar enroute to the Cathedral there was a brief traditional halt. The Lord Mayor pressed forward with the jewelled city sword which he presented to King George. His majesty, pictured with smiling countenance, leaned forward and touched the hilt and then drove on. This is a survival of a centuries old custom that demanded that English monarchs should thus sue for permission to cross the boundary.

PROSPECTING



"Ah, ha! I've got that birds number. He's prospecting for oil."

WHEN PROOF



READER SLEPT

Tie His Hair With Baby Ribbon?

Men's Voile Underwear, in Extra Quality with Lace Trim in Teddies, Gowns, Stepins and Bloomers. Special, 98c.—*Florida Times-Union.*



Even Cows Wear 'Em

She was accused by one dignified housewife of having milked a cow clad in pink step-ins.—*New York Evening Journal.*



Recruiting Notice

GIRL FOR GENERAL WANTED—*Ad in Hartford Times.*



**Joy Ride in Wonderland
TRIO RETURNED
IN JEWEL CASE**

—*Cincinnati Times-Star.*



Daily Health Hint

WOMAN KICKED BY HER HUSBAND
SAID TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED
—*Marion (Ind.) paper.*



Valued O. K.

ERIE BODIES ENDORSE
NEW CEMETERY PROJECT
—*Head-lines in an Erie (Penn.) paper.*



**Appropriate Passing On
83 TO BE GRADUATED
AT UNION CEMETERY**

... Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, President of Union Theological Seminary, will speak briefly in farewell to the graduates.—*New York Times.*



Harum-Scarum Head Lines

DEATH CALLS REAL ESTATE MAN
HERE—*Ex.*

**BIG LEAK BARED BY ENGINEER AS
TEARS FLOW**—*San Diego paper.*



Phew!

Skunk Fur Stronger At New York Fur
Auction—*Manitoba paper.*



Small Cause For Joy

"Sam Hoskins accidentally shot himself while hunting. One of the wounds is fatal, but his friends are glad to hear that the other one is not serious."—*Ex.*



**KEEP SIMPLICITY IN FORD'S IN-
SIDES**—*Spokane paper.*



Oh! Doctor!

Mr. and Mrs. R— left Wednesday for Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. R— expects to have a garter removed by the Mayo Brothers.



BIG EGG!

Claim to High Honors Laid
By Local Printer
—*Bluefield (W. Va.) paper.*



Standing Pat

To Whom It May Concern: — I wish to contradict the statement made by Raymond — that I have left my bed and board. I have never, at any time, left my bed as I am still living at my own home, and furthermore he never owned the bed for me to leave.—*Albany Knickerbocker Press.*



Wild Oats

D'Arcy Shivers Williams, of Ashville, was sworn in to practice at the bar before Judge Cameron F. MacRae in superior court Monday morning. The oats was administered by Carl Green. Williams studied law at the University of North Carolina and took his degree at Wake Forest.

Always Something New

A complete kitchenette for one room apartments is contained in a movable cabinet. It provides stove, oven, refrigerator, tables, etc., and plugs into any electric outlet.

A new switch plate, easy to install, gives out a tiny glow which is said never to burn out. It obviates groping around in the dark when plugging in.

A new screen enables photo-engravers to produce halftones giving the effect of circular line drawings.

New telescopic spectacles are offered watch makers and others who do close work. They have new multifocal lens which permit the use of the same glasses for near, distant, or magnified vision.

A new transparent shoe pattern permits a full clear view of the skin over which it is laid, enabling cutters to avoid defects and effect savings in stock.

Watering of batteries is simplified by a new device which fits an ordinary pint or quart bottle neck, automatically cuts off the flow when the correct water level is reached.

Alcohol and certain aromatic oils, it is said, rid pipe stem and bottom of bowl of soggy dregs and imparts a pleasant flavor.

Speed of 25,000 r.p.m. is developed by new 15 oz. electric tool for light grinding, drilling, polishing, cutting, carving, sanding, etc. It operates on direct or alternating current.

A new quick cleaning material for removing grease from garage floors is said to reduce the amount of brushing. It gives off no objectionable odor and can also be used for cleaning motor parts and radiators.

A new dense flooring for factories, shipping platforms, etc., is said to be highly resistant to abrasion, water, and acid proof and noiseless. It is applicable to wood, concrete, or steel bases.

Gardeners seeking novelties are now offered a floating aluminum lily pad which conceals a 60 watt lamp beneath its metal

skirts, and affords illumination at night. Another garden appliance is a new small pump for recirculating water for falls, fountains, etc.

Builders of federal prisons are considering the use of pipes instead of bars for windows and doors. These would be connected to water pressure. The theory is that when sawed in two they would give the prisoner a good ducking as well as showing on the pressure gauge that some one was tampering with the pipes.

Here is something for ladies who object to hairs on their faces — a self-jerking pair of tweezers. The blades close on a hair by simply pressing a lever. Further pressure causes the blades to jerk back automatically bringing the hair with them.

The bare-legged vogue has produced a new below the shoe top foot covering for women, or it can be used over stockings as an added protection to the feet.

Described as the hardest yet, a new safety glass bends like sheet steel, is highly resistant to heat and breakage. When it does break it crumbles into small, non-cutting particles.

Joseph Dunkirk, Danville, Penna., made a contract to paint a house. The job finished the owner went to inspect it. He found Dunkirk had painted the wrong house. He tried to collect from the man who owned it but payment was refused and the unlucky painter threatened with prosecution for trespassing.

POPULAR ERROR NOWADAYS



Phat: "We all make mistakes."
Slim: "Yeah. The one you make is mistaking your stomach for a tub."

COMICAL PARADE CHARACTERS



One of the features of the children's parade was a lot of young folks wearing masks, lending a nice touch of comedy to the colorful decorations and spirit of the occasion.

At the left is Bob Lusk as the clown drum major. Next to him is Gale Hutchins in a policeman's uniform, armed with a big billy club and star which covered his left side.

Next is Al Radke, leading a Nanny goat with a sunbonnet on her head and a corn-cob pipe fastened in the false face which she wore. Other indignities to which the unprotesting Nanny was subjected consisted of a toy balloon tied to her tail.

Next is an unidentified small boy wearing a big mask, and at the extreme right are Clara and Ted Dawson as Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

All these features pleased the crowd, as did the make-believe giraffe, elephant, ostrich, and horse, whose eyes were made of two flash lights which contributed to the fiery spirit manifested over the line of march.

His Just Desserts

"I hope that's a nice book for you to read," said the fond mother to her young daughter.

"Oh, yes, mother, it's a lovely book, but I don't think you would like it. It's so sad at the end."

"How is it sad, dear?"

"Well, she dies and he has to go back to his wife."

MASTERS PAY MORE

New Law in Illinois Wipes Out Local Examining Boards

The new Illinois plumbing law becomes effective September 1 and makes some important changes affecting cities of the size of Decatur. City plumbing boards have heretofore given examinations to applicants for plumbing licenses. Locally, this board was composed of Frank W. Riedel, representing master plumbers, James M. Duggan, representing journeymen plumbers, and City Commissioner Ralph Long, ex-officio member. These gentlemen received a fee of \$2 for each meeting held to give the examinations. As a rule six sessions a year were held so that the activities of the board did not impose any particular hardship on the tax payers.

Local Board Abolished

This board has been abolished. Beginning September 1 a state board took over the duty of giving the necessary examinations. This will necessitate a trip to the state capitol by those desiring to take the examination and will, of course, put some travelling expense on the applicants.

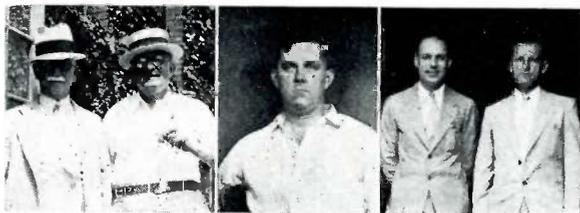
The only city examining board in Illinois not abolished by the new law is that in Chicago.

Master Plumbers Get Raise

In addition to setting up different license requirements, the new law increases the state

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VISITORS TO OUR PLANT



During the past few weeks we have had quite a few visitors at our factory. Among them was William Lichtenberger of Red Lion, Pennsylvania, superintendent of the water works. He was photographed by E. H. Langdon, personnel manager, with the editor of the Record thrown in as a stage "prop."

In the center is L. M. Wolpert, assistant manager of the New York office, who visited us for about a week and familiarized himself with factory processes and policies.

At the right is George Hess, foreman of the pattern shop at the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Homer Van Vleet, formerly of the Decatur factory, and now production manager of the Columbian Iron Works. Mr. Van Vleet came back to Decatur on his vacation, and Mr. Hess accompanied him to familiarize himself with our factory and pattern room methods.

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of the observance of our 75th year in business in 1932.

The opening feature was the presentation, by Adolph Mueller of prizes in the Mueller Factory Annual Golf Tournament, played in the morning at Sunnyside Golf Course.

Moving pictures, a dance revue by the Mueller Girls' Dancing Class, and then dancing to the music of Homebrooks Orchestra completed the day in happy fashion.

It was an uninviting start in the morning, but the Mueller organization is imbued with the thought and spirit that rain is followed by sunshine, so who cared for the "big, good rain," which the country was much in need of.

Playing in the Rain

During the showers band music and balloon ascensions kept the crowd in good humor. There was shelter for all in the refreshment stand, under the special canvas pavillion erected on the grounds, in the Athletic Club House, and in the automobiles parked near the center of festivities. The balloon ascensions consisted of inflated large sized toys with cupies filling the place of the "Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze." The older folks enjoyed the music and even the

imitation balloon ascensions, which made a hit with the kids.

Miniature Circus Train

This was a demonstration of more than average interest, demonstrating, in marked degree, the patience and the mechanical ability of the maker, Burt Beckstein, who is a cabinet maker in Mueller Fixture Co., subsidiary of Mueller Co. The train consists of a locomotive and thirty flat cars, built to scale, painted, and lettered in circus colors. There were cars carrying elephants. The seats, the animals, cages, together with passenger cars, sleeping cars, etc. All the painting was in exact imitation of circus fashion. The entire train was mounted on a regular railroad track. Many of the menagerie cages were open and contained "wild animals." Mr. Beckstein occupied his spare time of two years or more in this fine piece of work. This fall he is exhibiting the train at county fairs and it attracts wide attention. To do this he has a circus auto truck gaily decorated.

Golf Tourney

The annual factory golf tournament was played at Sunnyside Golf course. There was the usual large field and despite the dampness of the day, the event furnished lot of entertainment for the participants. The prize winners follow:

Prizes

- 1st Low Net Score — Championship trophy for one year and engraved watch fob to keep permanently — Wallace Gould
- 2nd Low Net Score — 3 golf balls — Roy Whitaker
- 3rd Low Net Score — 2 golf balls — George White
- 4th Low Net Score — 1 golf ball — Bud Simpson
- 1st Low Gross Score — 1 golf ball — W. E. Mueller
- High Score Blind Hole — 1 golf ball — J. W. Wells
- Low Score Blind Hole — 1 golf ball — Leo Masterson

MINIATURE CIRCUS TRAIN



An unusual attraction at the Mueller picnic, August 17, was the miniature circus train shown by Bert Beckenstein on the south porch of Mueller Lodge. Bert is a cabinet maker at the Mueller Fixture plant, which is a subsidiary of this company.

The train is true to form in every particular, even the smallest part on the locomotive having been carefully carved out by hand. Also, the train is built to scale, one inch to a foot, and when hooked up measures about thirty feet.

The illustration will give the reader an idea of the enormous amount of detail work necessary to complete this train, which required something like two and one-half years time. The train was of sufficient merit to justify its exhibition at various county fairs in Illinois during the present season.

Epitaph on a Henpecked Squire

As Father Adam first was fool'd,
A case that's still too common,
Here lies a man a woman ruled—
The devil ruled the woman.

—Robert Burns.

Dangerous Curve Ahead

Aunt: "Aren't you ever afraid you'll lose control of your car?"

Daredevil Nephew: "Constantly; I'm two instalments behind already."

CANADA ENFORCES LAW

Home Owners Summoned For Failure To Connect With Sewers

In Canada they "put the law" on persons who refuse to avail themselves of plumbing facilities. "The Sanitary Age" says:

After two years of sending notices and threats to property owners who had not connected their houses with the city sewerage system, the Fredericton, N. B., district Board of Health, summoned 33 home owners in the city, into the local police court. All of the 33 citizens have their homes located in sections which have been seweraged during the past two years.

At the court hearing, it was stated that 24 of the defendants had made or promised to make the necessary sewerage connections. All but one of the remainder pleaded guilty to the charge. The magistrate declared the defendants were liable under the Health Act to a fine of \$200, but that if they made arrangements for the sewerage connection, this would be avoided. The notices and threats of the health board had made no impression, it was stated by Dr. J. M. Cameron, chairman of the board, hence the use of the local court to force the delinquents to make the sewerage connections.

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Out of the Ordinary

While he slept, a glass eye worn by C. C. McCormich of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, exploded. Heat was blamed for the mishap.

Carlton Jackson, age 3, mistook the glass thermometer with long red line and red bulb for candy, and bit into it. There was a sudden drop in the mercury and a sudden rise of temperature. Doctors say he will recover.

Fred T. Ferrier of Wichita Falls, paid a visit to Kansas City. Stick up men relieved him of a \$2000 diamond ring. Fred offered them a thousand dollars if they would give it back. The stick up men frisked him again, found \$1,000 in a wallet and disappeared with all the loot.

On a bet of \$200, Julius Slade pushed a wheelbarrow from Lumberton, Mississippi, to Chicago, approximately 1,000 miles in 30 days. He won and spent part of the money getting back south on a train. He is still nursing his feet.

Home surgery practiced by Dolores Vellaneva put her close to death's door. She felt a pain in her side, "desided" it was "appendisides," seized a butcher knife and operated quite unsuccessfully.

Joseph Anekstein, for 26 years in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner at New York, kept a record of all suicides. His last entry was "Jacob Anekstein, suicide." The next morning his wife found his body hanging to the bath room door.

What does he care for expenses? John Jacob Astor III, who married the former Ellen Tuck French, has been given a job in the freight department of the International Mercantile Marine Co. at \$25.00 per week. As his job is in New York and he resides at swanky Newport, R. I., he is compelled to commute and he has just purchased an 80-

foot yacht for that purpose. It is not to be thought that Mr. Astor will pay for the boat out of \$25.00 per week wage.

An inquisitive 57-pound cat fish entered the intake pipe of the Quincy, Illinois water works and travelled 1900 feet through the pipe to the pump. That's where both cat fish and pump stopped, and patrons had two hours speculation as to what had happened to the water supply.

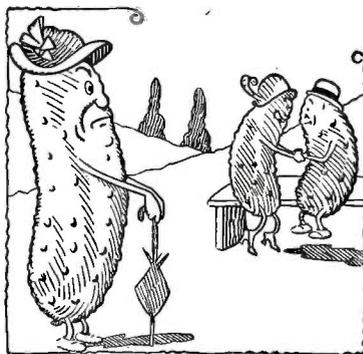
And all are doing well. Mark Thrash, a former slave, is 114 years of age. He lives in Chicamauga Park, Tennessee and supports himself, fifth wife and a step-child. He has 27 children, the eldest being 92.

Chester Lynn, Norman, Oklahoma, came in from the field, hot and tired. Seated near a window in his favorite chair he rocked vigorously. The chair tilted, Lynn was catapulted through the window, struck his head on a rock and was killed.

Roy Cochrane, a cowboy of Evanston, Wyoming, proved his fondness for eggs by swallowing 61 in 20 minutes, collected his \$3.00 bet and went home and slopped the hogs.

While Orvil Bilbrey, a farmer near Algood, Tennessee, was away from home, his wife decided to fill the mattresses with fresh straw. The easiest way to get rid of the old straw was to burn it. It was also an easy way to get rid of \$17,000 in currency, notes, and bonds which Mr. Bilbrey had hidden in one of the mattresses.

SOUR PICKLE



Miss Susan Sour Pickle: "Those disgusting, immodest, sweet pickles making love on a public park bench."

VISITOR FROM NEW MEXICO



This organization recently enjoyed a visit from Mr. Fred McElhoney of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. McElhoney (right) is a member of the Builders' Supply Co., and of course, is interested in our line of goods. He was accompanied by Mr. Newell Morbry of Vandalia, Illinois (left).

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Will Be Observed in Illinois Oct. 6-12 —
Has Proved Beneficial

Governor Horner has designated October 6-12 as Fire Prevention Week in Illinois. This always brings to mind the great conflagration in Chicago October 8-10, 1871, when damage resulted to the amount of \$150,000,000, and from 200 to 300 lives were lost. There are many special days and weeks set aside for various purposes, some of which to us seem far-fetched. There is much to be said, however, for Fire Prevention Week. When anyone yells "fire" we generally sit up and take notice.

Decrease In Loss

In issuing his proclamation, Gov. Horner called to public attention that the fire loss in Illinois for the year ending June 30, 1935 was reduced 50 per cent from that of the preceding twelve months. The loss for 1934 is estimated at \$8,549,703. Fire prevention may have had a very appreciable influence on this reduction. It emphasized the danger in fires, which thought very likely made an impression on the minds of many people.

Caution Vs. Carelessness

Caution instead of carelessness will prevent a great many fires. There is danger in the use of matches even though they be labelled "safety." Frequently these matches have a weak spot in the wood near the head. When struck on the side of the box the stem breaks

as the head ignites. While the head burns it may light on inflammable material and start a blaze capable of causing big loss. Learn to be careful in the use of matches.

The Wrong Way

This writer is very receptive to safety advise and safety practices even in so small a thing as the use of matches. Recently we struck a safety match toward us. The head ignited, but broke from the stem and stuck to a light summer shirt. Being in an auto at the time, we were somewhat handicapped in beating out the blaze with our hand, but not before a sizeable hole had been burned into the shirt and scorched the underwear.

How to Strike Matches

The next day in reading safety suggestions we came across this one:

"Always strike a match from you not toward you."

That's what we are already doing and shall do. We are passing it along to Record readers in the hope that they will acquire the habit also.

Sounds rather silly to be so cautious about so simple and common a thing as striking a match, but it is not when you think of possible results of having your clothing set on fire.

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Indications are that the connections will be made in all the cases involved, although lack of money is announced as responsible for the failure in most instances. This is the first time in many years that householders of Fredericton have been taken into court because of lack of sewerage connections.

Take 'Em or Eat 'Em

Smart Tourist: "I don't suppose you keep anything so civilized as dog biscuits in this one horse, rundown, jay town, do you?"

Village Merchant: "Oh ycs, stranger, quite a few folks like you come through from the city, and we aim to have everything called for. Have 'em in a bag, or eat 'em here?"

The Difference

There is this difference between a wise man and a fool; the wise man expects future things, but does not depend upon them, and in the meantime enjoys the present, remembering the past with delight; but the life of the fool is wholly carried on to the future.—Epicurus.

RECORD MAIL BAG

Editor Record:—Would you please send the secretary of the Borough Council of Claysville, Washington County, Pennsylvania, a copy of your June Mueller Record. Am on the program for a reading at our family reunion and the June number, I believe it was, solved the problem of what to use for a reading. It was that clever poem on the "Quintrains of Calendar." Had the darn thing nearly memorized and one at 67 doesn't memorize quite as good as at 7 — then I lost the magazine and poem, too.

You can send the "old man pair of socks," but I need the June Record, for which I will by very thankful.

Very respectfully,
J. L. Melvin,
Secretary Claysville Borough Council.

Seattle, Wash., July 29, 1935.

Editor Record:

That was quite a story you had in the July number of the Mueller Record about the California woodpecker which pecked a hole through a cast iron water main 1/2" thick. Being a former Californian, I know there is something in the climate causing some people to exaggerate. Up here in Washington we don't do that. We confine ourselves to facts. A few years ago a farmer who lived near Puget Sound went trolling for salmon and caught a fine large one which he took home and laid on the grass in his chicken yard. Sometime later he learned that it had mated with a white leghorn hen. The offspring of the chicken and salmon was a most remarkable animal which he called a "chick-sal." The chick-sal laid a perfect hen egg but laid them in such quantities as a salmon would lay its eggs. In fact the chick-sal would lay a truck load of high grade hen eggs every day.

There is more about this zoological wonder which I will not tell. You might not believe it.

C. T. Macfarlane

The Charlotte Supply Co.
Charlotte, N. C.

July 24, 1935.

Editor Mueller Record:

Is not the problem on page 15 of the July Edition of the "Record" wrong?

One doubled thirty times should be the same as 2 to the 29th power.

However, I will not let this matter of \$257.-

00 keep me from liking the "Record."

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly

Arnold Roark.

Ed: The problem referred to was that old one of working for a cent a day, each day wage to double.

From Jonesboro, N. C.

Mr. Joseph D. Smith writes us from Jonesboro, N. C. that he read the article in the July Record concerning Frank H. Mueller, who is sojourning at Warm Springs, Ga. Mr. Smith's sympathy was aroused and he wrote to cheer up Frank. In his card to us he says:

"The July "Record." Thank you! My grandson and I have gone into it already and seeing picture of Mr. Frank H. Mueller and his condition I have written him a card hoping it will give him some pleasure and telling him he does not have to acknowledge card. I love sick folks and those in hospitals. Thank you again."

Ma's Kitchen

David A. Thompson writes from Blacksburg, S. C. to tell us how much he likes Mueller Record and then tells in rhyme about "Ma's Kitchen," which leads us to suspect that he enjoys the good things which comes out of that as much or more than the things he finds in the Record. He says:

"My thanks for your fine magazine. I enjoy and look forward to reading each copy. I don't know where one could find better comedy reading.

"I would like to contribute this bit of material if you will accept it.

Ma's Kitchen

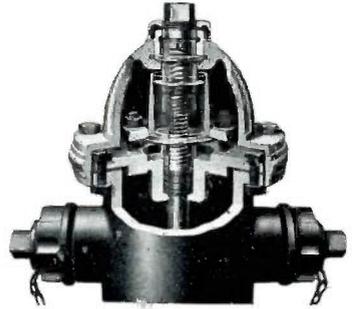
Each mornin' we go to Ma's kitchen
And I scrub it nice and clean.
She pretends that it's her kingdom
And there she reigns as queen.

I place on each small window
Fresh curtains crisp and white
And I place a red geranium
On the sill in the mornin' light.

She goes to her inlaid cupboards
With its rows of pots and pans,
And gets her some of the spices
That fill the tiny cans.

Then she bakes us a cake and frosts it,
And carves a fancy touch.
Then there's the dirty dishes
But I don't mind them — much.

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CIRCUS MAXIMUS

It and Not Barnums Was The Biggest Show on Earth

When we read that Hauptmann lost his request for new testimony to support his charge that his trial at Flemington, N. J. was a "circus maximus" there was a vague idea in a cranial vacuity that the lawyer was trying to tell the judge that the trial aforesaid had been more than a one ring show. "Ah, ha," we mused, "there are two words of which I am in a mental fog," which the reader by inference may draw the conclusion that all other words to the writer are A. B. C.

You may not have mixed into the editorial, but may be interested in the insatiable curiosity which keeps us racing to the dictionary to increase our store of knowledge. This book of books tells us:

Held Over 250,000 Persons

"Circus Maximus, often called specifically the circus between the Palentine and Aven-tine hills. It was probably 2,000 feet long and 600 feet wide, and held upward of 250,000." It will be seen, therefore, that the lawyer was endeavoring to make the court believe that the trial at Flemington was as big, at least, as the biggest show in history. Regardless of the merits of the case or the correctness of the verdict, there are a great many persons who are somewhat of the opinion of the lawyer.

A Real Word

While dissertating on words, we bumped into one that we had not heard since Amos Motney, the finest specimen of "a pickled printer" we ever knew answered the call of "30." He was smart any way you met him, whether he was coming or going to the bar. Whenever he wanted to express his contempt for a person he disliked, he catalogued him as a "slubberdegullion." We always gave him credit for having coined a long, high sounding word, until our eye accidentally caught it in the dictionary. Then, for the first time we learned its meaning — "a mean wretch; a slovenly boor." And now we question the wisdom of the lexicographer who marks it "obs."

Depression Note

Hi: What time is it by your watch?

Dec: Quarter to.

Hi: Quarter to what?

Dec: I don't know — times got so hard I had to lay off one of the hands.

The film star was applying for a pass port.

Clerk: — "Unmarried?"

F. Star: — "Occasionally."

Mirth

From the crown of his head to the sole of his feet he is all mirth. He has twice or thrice cut Cupid's bow strings, and the little hangman dare not shoot at him; he hath a heart as sound as a bell, and his tongue is the clapper; for what his heart thinks his tongue speaks.—Shakespeare.

Dumb Animals In News

Dumb animals now find their way into the news columns. Of course, there is the human interest element but some of the things dumb animals do causes us to raise our eyebrows in mild surprise, if not as a doubting Thomas. For instance take the following gleaned from the news columns of different papers:

Long Beach, California. A pet duck stood before a mirror and quacked itself to death.

This must have been "The Ugly Duckling".

Edgefield, S. Carolina.—Two mules collided heads on and both died.

When white mule bumps white mule something is going to give way.

Kenilworth, Ill.—A canary, disgusted by the chirp of a cricket introduced in the cage refused to sing.

Too tempermental to even chirp back.

Yellowstone Park.—A tourist attacked by a bear feigned death, and the bear, after a couple of sniffs, ambled off.

The bear could not bear more than two sniffs, and learned that some humans do not have to die to throw out B. O.

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license fee. Journeymen plumbers, who formerly paid \$1 yearly, will now be required to pay \$2.

The law makers laboring, perhaps, under the belief that all master plumbers are millionaires, touched them for fees a trifle higher. The former fee was \$10 annually. The fee now is to be \$25.

Local Inspector Retained

Except that the new law abolishes the local examining board, it is not in conflict with Decatur's new plumbing ordinances recently passed. It does not affect the city plumbing inspector. John A. Wetzel will continue in this capacity.

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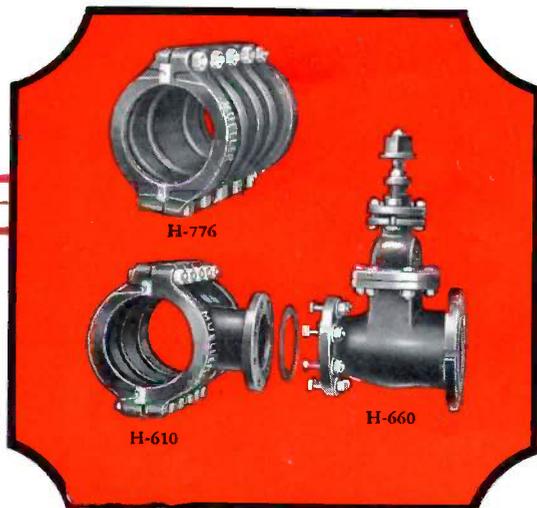
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