

The Scrap Book

PAPA OUT OF THE RUNNING

Basful Lover's Weighty "Remarks" Had Straightened Out the Course of True Love.

A prehistoric young man fell in love with the beautiful daughter of a great chieftain. But as he was basful, and her father's stone as was not basful, he feared to tell his love.

So he procured a brick—that being the fashion in stationery just then—and cut a message on his message of devotion. As the gentle lethysaurus croaked the wailing hour of midnight, he stole stealthily into the chieftain's cave. Then with one mighty heave he cast his weighty remarks into the inner blackness, trusting that his lady-love would find them on the morrow.

And it came to pass that when he awoke next morning the blushing dame was seated on his doorstep.

"Reggie of the Knotted Knee," she cried, "I am thine! The forcible nature of your proposal removed the only obstacle. The brick caught poor papa a lovely whack on the cranium, and he was so struck with your remarks that he's past objecting to anything now!"

EVER-BEARING ORANGE TREE

Possibility That Discovery in Florida Will Revolutionize Conditions in Growth of Fruit.

An ever-bearing orange tree, which citrus fruit growers believe is destined to revolutionize the orange industry of the state, if not the entire country, has been discovered by horticulturists in a small grove at Avon Park, near Tampa, Fla. To protect the specimen, its purchaser has placed around it a heavy wire fence 20 feet in height and stationed guards day and night.

The tree has been in bearing continuously eight years, but until recently its existence was known only to the owner and several neighbors who, according to citrus experts, did not realize its value, but regarded it merely as a freak of nature. Several of south Florida's largest citrus growers have organized a syndicate, purchased the tree, leased the ground upon which it stands, and already are taking steps to develop its possibilities by propagating it through budwood, with the expectation of having 250,000 trees ready for setting out in groves by 1925.

The tree is about fifteen years old. Its origin is a mystery. Its owners believe it will bring forth stock true to the parent tree and be worth millions to the men who had the foresight to grasp its possibilities.

Mystery in Small Lake.
What seems to be a natural phenomenon is observed in the Fort Steele East Kootenay (British Columbia) district. A small lake or pond which has been used for some time by a logging company for a mill-pond, is situated on the high bench land on the north side of Kootenay river and with an altitude of slightly over 3,000 feet above sea level, in a small, deep hollow surrounded by high wooded banks unaffected by winds and without any streams running in or out of it, or any circulation in it. The water is dark and brackish, yet when logs are put in the east end of this lake, if left unfastened with their own accord, float to the west end within a few hours. The mystery is, do the logs move or does the earth move the logs in its daily rotation from west to east?

New Paneling Valuable.
The new wood-paneling sheet or paneling, consisting of thin boards between two layers of metal, has given astonishing results. The material, adapted for a multitude of uses, can be made in sections of any size, is unaffected by moisture, resists abrasion and warping, and combines strength with lightness. In tests made a panel 5-16ths of an inch thick proved five times as strong as a solid wood panel of equal thickness, and 80 times as strong as a sheet steel panel of equal weight.

Piscatorial "Trips."
An ex-corporal of the Twenty-eighth Canadian battalion tells of fishing trips his company used to make on the Aras front in 1918. Each period in the trenches was known as a "trip." In April, 1918, the company commander was Capt. Salmon, and his lieutenant was named Wales; his batman was also named Wales. Every day the counterpane was the name of a fish such as Halibut, Herring, etc. Therefore these periods became known to the company as the fishy trips.

Remarkable Recovery of Sight.
Blind for ten years a Northfield, Mass., man awoke one Sunday morning to find that he had regained his sight during the night and could see as well as when a boy. There was no explanation as to how it happened.

Colorful.
A love of colors must have led a Miss White of Harris county, Nova Scotia, to marry a Mr. White. For after his death she married a Mr. Brown. She is now engaged to marry a Mr. Green.

Worthy Achievement.
To write so as to satisfy one's equals and to so appeal also to those who are not specialists—that is not easy. Yet it can be achieved by taking thought; and it is worth all the pains it costs.—Brenda Matthews.

They Can't Think.
"I think for yourself," said President Lincoln, and the country is, in fact, nobody's slave, but for everybody else.—Dorothy Transcript.

Black Opals.
Black opals are usually the result of artificial coloration but true black opals have been mined extensively in a small district at the head of the River Darling in northern New South Wales.

His Detachable Nose.
Miss R. writes that this evening she received by a local schoolmaster "Dear Teacher: Please excuse Willie's absence last Friday, as he had to go to the hospital after his sore nose."—Boston Transcript.

Highway Improvement

REDUCING DAMAGE TO ROADS

Repair Bills Would Be Greatly Lessened by Placing More of Loads Over Front Axle.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)
Repair bills for damaged roads would be much reduced, engineers in the bureau of public roads report, after extensive experimental work, if motor trucks were designed to carry more of the loads put on them over the front axle and less over the rear wheels, as at present. In the average heavy truck of today the body is nearly balanced on the rear axle. When the truck strikes an obstacle or an irregularity in the highway, the damage done to the road surface by the rear wheels is much greater than it would be if the load were distributed on both axles.

Given a perfectly smooth road surface, traveled by a truck with perfectly smooth circular tires, there would



Motortrucks Properly Loaded Will Reduce Damage of Roads.

be no impact, regardless of the speed or weight of load. Since such an ideal condition is practically impossible, road engineers recognize that all factors which increase or reduce the impact of a load are of the utmost importance in planning highway construction and regulation.

The placing of the larger part of the load on the rear axle is only one of several factors which lead to high impact forces. In general, the increased speed of the truck will increase the impact, hence the necessity for keeping the operating speed within reasonable limits. Roads kept as smooth as possible by careful maintenance will reduce the possibility of trucks exerting impact and pressure forces upon the highway surface. Cushion or pneumatic tires also reduce impact and cause less damage to the highways than those of hard rubber, especially if the latter are not kept in good repair.

DRIVERS CAN IMPROVE ROADS

Wear to Surface Can Be Prevented by Driving Over Middle and Other Less Used Parts.

Drivers can prevent wear to the surface of the roads and even improve their condition if instead of driving in one track or on the edge of the road they will drive over the middle and other less used parts of the road when traffic permits. The one thing that is fatal above all things to road surfaces, whether dirt or paved, is driving in tracks, which subjects one small part of the road surface to all the traffic and damage that the whole road accommodates. Traffic should be evenly distributed over the entire surface of the road, and a little thoughtfulness and care in this respect on the part of drivers will do much to aid the permanence and excellence of our roadways.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR ROADS

Up to November 1, \$72,744,000 Had Been Expended, and \$121,322,198 More Allotted.

Discussing progress in road construction since enactment of the federal aid legislation four years ago, Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, reported that up to November 1, 3,190 miles of "first class" highway had been completed. As its share of the cost the federal government had expended \$72,744,000 and allotted \$121,322,198 more. Other results of national legislation, Mr. McDonald said, had been the establishment of state highway departments in five states and the reorganization of such departments in 20 other states.

Road Work in France.
Road construction cost in France during pre-war years, \$13,685 per mile, but has since then increased 250 to 300 per cent.

Badly-Worn Tires Prohibited.
In Connecticut, the use of badly worn or partially-destroyed tires on the highways is strictly forbidden.

Total Highway Mileage.
Highway mileage in the United States now totals 2,478,552 miles, or ten times the mileage of the railroads.

Peanut Known as Gopher Pea.
The territory of tidewater Virginia grows more peanuts than any other part of the United States. To that territory may be added parts of the Carolinas, also great peanut-growing states. Some places in the United States the peanut is referred to as "the gopher pea."

His "Graven Image."
It is quite true that some people adhere so strictly to their own reading of Biblical laws that they refuse to have their photographs taken. These very particular people insist that Exodus 20:4—"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything"—forbids the taking of photographs or the painting of portraits.

Mica an Excellent Insulator.
Mica does not burn or melt, except at a very high temperature, and therefore it is an excellent electric insulator. It is non-hygrosopic and offers more resistance to high voltage electricity than any insulating material known.

Really Quite Simple.
Betty was late for school several days in succession, and her teacher took her to task for it, saying, "Can you give me a good reason for your being late?" Betty was quiet for a moment, and then said, "We just sleeps is all I know."

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SWEET CLOVER SEED MUST BE CERTIFIED

That of Biennial Cannot Be Told From Annual Product.

Smaller Growers Are Advised by Department of Agriculture to Secure Assurances Regarding Authenticity of Seed.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.
Last fall there was probably little more than 200 bushels of annual white sweet clover seed in existence, practically all grown in Iowa, Michigan or Alabama. Nearly all of this seed was used for increase purposes so that there is at present a considerable acreage growing. There are four or five large producers with acreages in Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Alabama, but besides these there are hundreds of farmers with from one to several acres from which they expect to harvest a crop this year, part of which will be offered for sale.
The attention of these smaller growers is called to the fact that buyers will desire to be sure that the seed offered them next winter is that of the annual and not that of the biennial



A Cock of Sweet Clover May Have Been Cured to Excellent Condition.

white sweet clover. The seeds of the two cannot be distinguished, and it is quite possible that either by accident or design the cheaper seed of the biennial type may be sold for the more expensive annual plant. For this reason the United States Department of Agriculture urges prospective buyers to look carefully into the origin of every lot of seed offered. Growers of annual sweet clover this year should be able to state where they got their stock seed, when it was sown, when it blossomed and when it was harvested. If any responsible state official can add his assurance that the field is true annual, such a statement would be worth getting.

The large growers are naturally preparing to meet all demands for evidence as to the purity of their stocks. Unless the smaller growers can also give adequate assurance regarding the authenticity of their seed it may be harder to sell and they may have to accept prices in line with those paid for common sweet clover seed. All such growers are advised to take up this matter with their farm bureaus, county agents or state experiment stations and protect themselves as far as possible.

STORAGE CELLAR ESSENTIALS

Should Be Located on Well-Drained Site and Insulated Against Cold and Heat.

The four things to be kept in mind in planning a storage cellar are: securing a well-drained site, on a knoll, if possible, but in any case where no water can settle back in the cellar; insulation against both cold and heat is necessary; the cellar should be supplied with plenty of moisture so that roots and tubers will not shrivel; at the same time it must be ventilated so that moisture does not condense or drip.

The following products can be stored in a root cellar so designed: Apples, asparagus, beans, bulbs, cabbage, canned fruit, carrots, celery, cranberries, fresh fruits, onions, parsnips, pears, potatoes, sauerkraut and tomatoes.

COVER CROPS IMPROVE SOILS

Not Grown as Much as They Deserve Nor as Frequently as Needed in Many Instances.

Cover crops for fall and winter are not used as much as they deserve nor as frequently as the soil requires. More vegetable matter is greatly needed on this soil. Those who break early and plant rye, wheat, oats, barley or clover will find advantages for improving soil and in extending the rotation to build up the land. Without humus it is a difficult matter to use commercial fertilizer to advantage. By turning the cover crop you make a beginning for better soil.

PROFITABLE AGE FOR FOWLS

Some Hens Are Not Good Producers After Their Second Year, Others Lay Longer.

The profitable age for hens varies with individuals. Some hens are not profitable after their second year, while others will pay their keep and more too for three or four years. In figuring up the value of a hen, consideration must be given the value of her eggs as well as to the number of them she will lay.

All Day Football Match.
An annual event in the town of Ashbourne, Eng., is a "round-the-town" football match, which takes place on St. Andrew's Day. The number of players is unlimited and the goals are located in a stream four miles apart. The game usually starts early in the day and lasts well into the night.

Not True.
The photograph of a boy never looks like him because no one ever saw a boy look as clean as he is in a photograph.—Pearson's Weekly.

Not Negro Songs.
Most people fancy in a vague way that Stephen Foster's songs are negro or were inspired by the negro music. But "Old Folks at Home" and the other Foster melodies are about as unlike negro music as anything could possibly be. That their words are often in negro dialect and express negro sentiments is simply a historic accident due to the fact that in Foster's day the negro minstrel, real or "cooked," were the only means of bringing music before the public.

U. S. Army Horse Goods

Five double team harness, \$18.50 per horse, \$7.00 complete set; Regular harness, \$1.25; Artillery bridles, \$1.75; Regulation riding saddles, \$12; all bridle brushes, 75c; curry combs, 30c; stable blankets, \$2.50; heavy all weather collars, \$4.25; tiger face collars, \$2 to \$4; collar pads, 40c and 50c. Big drop in all Collars, Baggy Harness, Blankets, Auto Robes and Suit Cases. Largest line of Harness and Horse Clothing in the U.S.

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LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

Will Germany "forget?" Or will it be as it was with the French on the Place de la Concorde: "Quand memoire?" The illustrated papers indicate somewhat a people's thoughts. Look at them in Germany today! Take only the Illustrierte Zeitung as an example. The slogan is unmistakable: "Verloren, doch nicht vergessen!" Lost, but not forgotten. Every other picture is of a cathedral, a town, a province, a colony, an isolated piece of "Deutschum" abroad, a school in the Orient. The former German East Africa is called German East Africa. There is no mining of words, says the Christian Science Monitor. Week by week, the Germans find themselves regaled by illustrated representations of their kith and kin in the East, the Far East, in Poland, the Banat, at Reval, in Transylvania, in China and in Africa, Alsace-Lorraine, and the Saar region. The answer seems to be: Germany does not mean to forget.

A Chicago banker has found to his surprise that from a racial standpoint the Chinese were the most satisfactory depositors.

They had the largest average accounts and the bank had never had any trouble or controversy with any of them. They asked no favors that the bank could not grant to its advantage, and they were willing to pay liberally for all accommodation. They worked hard, saved their money, took care of their own people and minded their own business, says the Los Angeles Times. To that extent, at least, they were ideal citizens. They never loafed or begged. There are not many Caucasian races represented here of which as much can be said. On the face of the showing made China ought to send a lot of missionaries into Wall street and other centers of wickedness in America.

Both employer and employee must be bound by the decisions of the Court of Industrial Relations in Kansas, according to a decision just made by the Kansas Supreme court.

What brings the meaning of this statement home to the mass of the people, however, is the accompanying declaration that the wages paid to the employees of the meat packers are a matter of public concern, while "the determination of the sufficiency of such wages is a question affected with a public interest." There has been a pretty general belief to this effect for a long time, remarks the Christian Science Monitor, but the court decision is to be welcomed as giving this view a definite status in law.

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ATTRACTIONS NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON

GLORIA SWANSON IN UNDER THE LASH AT MOORE'S RIALTO
Gloria Swanson's picture, "Under the Lash," which opens a week's engagement at Moore's Rialto Theatre, Sunday, should prove an engaging dramatic production. It is a drama of human emotions and a most unusual story is presented by a group of interesting character portrayals.

THE ROSE GIRL AT POLI'S
"The Rose Girl," which comes to Poli's Monday night, is that artistic musical comedy par excellence last season by the Metro-Goldwyn Theatre. The musical comedy for their newest and most gorgeous New York Theatre, the Ambassador. This gay musical comedy evokes the spirit of fun and joy and is now coming to Washington from a run of many weeks in Boston, where it was widely the talk of the New England metropolis.

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