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THE DOCK ORDEAL.

We appear to be acquiring much useful official Other Gotham consulates are in the knowledge by the study of foreign processes. Major heads are Piper goes abroad and straightway we adopt London's Europe, and half the embassies and method of dealing with congested street traffic and add consulates of the United States in a new wrinkle to the adjustment of patrolmen's belts. Europe have been deserted by the of-Deputy Commissioner Ebstein takes a flying trip to ation in this country. Berlin with profit to police discipline. The former secretary of the Municipal Art Association returns with brought to light another story which suggestions of municipal improvement gained from a concerns Chauncey Depew. The Scnvisit to German cities, and now we have Deputy Cus- ator had been requested to act as one toms Surveyor Bishop home from an exhaustive study of the judges at an oratorical contest. He consented, but on one condition—that he be permitted to see the subbaggage for dutiable goods.

Following Mr. Bishop's return there is promise of a orations and Mr. Depew read these reform of the inquisitorial customs methods that have titles: "Judging the Future by Statesmade the search for smuggled articles a most humiliating ordeal for the home-coming passenger. The Deputy "Making the Ballot Honest," "Is Mars Surveyor visited England, France, Germany and Switz- Inhabited?" and "Does a Loaded Gun erland and everywhere discovered "less friction be- Command Peace?" tween customs officers and travellers than is the case asked the Senator with considerable here." He found the inspectors "remarkable for their trepidation politeness and courtesy," and the "facilities for examination of baggage better." If not to his amazement certainly to ours he learned that generally "a traveller's word is accepted" unless the inspector has strong class, but must decline to give points grounds for doubt. They do not assume over there as when I shall be in so fortunate a posihere that all travellers are liars.

Almost at the moment Mr. Bishop was relating his experiences four Treasury agents and a specially detailed customs officer were "scrutinizing" the luggage of a Vaderland passenger for concealed diamonds. Their search covered every cubic inch of the suspect's luggage evening. and extended to the hem of his discarded trousers. A spoke French-French, indeed, is the finishing touch of thoroughness was the opening of the diplomatic language of all Europe—and cavity in a doll's head. It is painful to record that so to converse with, felt very awkward and much persistence and ingenuity of examination should unhappy. have been so futile.

Suspicion attached to this traveller and there may have been excuse for the rigorous measures used. But unquestionably there is a great abuse of courtesy and decency in these examinations, and the reform which Mr. Bishop will recommend is urgently called for.

FEAR OF LIGHTNING.

If the Bronx children who were struck by lightning Monday had read "Rollo," as good little children used to do, they would have known how dangerous it is to take refuge under a tree during a thunderstorm. In their papa's school reader there used to be a graphic picture of a fiery bolt descending on a tree. How real this danger is is indicated by the fact that while only 563 persons were killed by lightning in this country in 1899, live stock to the number of 4,251 were killed in the fields during a like period of time. Was not this mor- He has a mile and more of beach on his fields during a like period of time. Was not this mortal and and an area of the call of miles tallity of the cattle largely due to their habit of huddling from his front gate to his house. There for shelter under a tree?

For most city dwellers the danger of lightning stroke Although his house has thirty-five rooms is very remote. And this in spite of the wide use of he built a log cabin down near the structural steel and the infinity of wires. It is far less water that he might have an isolated imminent than that of hears billed in the struct imminent than that of being killed in the street. The occupant of a top-story office in a skyscraper is reason- LETTERS. ably safe. Notwithstanding their height tall buildings seem not especially to attract the lightning, and when a bolt strikes it usually spends its force in demolishing

Is it merely limited observation that leads to the be-Hef or is there really an increase of cases of nervous | Po the Editor of The Evening World: dread of lightning? This is largely a feminine fear, but Is it permissible to wear a dress suit of its prevalence, in some cases to the extent of becoming an insane terror, there is no doubt. Why is it that the devout believer in an all-wise Providence is most subject to such attacks and most often seeks the seclube can get the most enjoyment out of sion of a closet for safety while the sceptic glories in

THE ISLES OF SAFETY.

In those plazas and open reaches of asphalt along at the grounds in the open air. There Broadway, New York-to wit, at Twenty-third and Thir- are plenty of trees, grass and fresh ty-fourth strects-where hitherto it has been plain sail- air there, and such a day in the open air ing for the cabman or motorman, with nothing to im- is healthfuller than going to some more pede his progress but human beings, there have now been placed diminutive "isles of safety" which make out at such a place last Sunday, where vehicular navigation a matter of great skill by day and we participated in a number of out-door by night of extreme hazardousness. These isles are by night of extreme hazardousness. These isies are a rollicking, frollcking, jolly good time, and don't you forget it. It cost us just eight inches high. Their reason of existence is an ex- \$27. 'Nuff said. cellent one, but considering their circumscribed area and limited capacity their usefulness as havens of refuge for To the Editor of The Evening World: redestrians about to be knocked down cannot be said to be complete.

But they are a good thing as showing an increasing care on the city's part for the pedestrian and as an earnest of better means for his protection yet to come. To the Editor of The Evening World: The crowd at such crossings overflows into the open spaces and makes progress perilous. These small precautions for its safety must be regarded as only a be- American. Which is right? ginning.

THE SLEEP-INVITING PEANUT.

Pink lemonade extinguishing a threatening Bridge 30, 1859, fall? fire and peanuts banishing insomnia! There is a use for everything. The new function of the peanut must take precedence in our attention. What the uneasy paintings? head that wears a crown cannot do the humble, goober pea does; it seals the tired eyelids in slumber. A mouse once extricated a lion from trouble; is man to feel contempt for himself if he relies on peanuts for refreshing

Some day the reanut will come into its own as a Did Joe Gans ever fight Terry Meprime article of diet. Even now in its plebeian state it Govern, and if so, where and when, and appeares youth'al appetites that refuse less welcome who won? reals. Society occasionally tolerates it at afternoon To the Editor of The Evening World: teas in sandwiches. If it were dearer its vogue might be greater.

But is It the special virtues of peanuts that induce stamber or only the requirement that they be eaten just To the Editor of The Evening World: efore bedtime? There are some to whom a Welsh rabstamps are put on letters? I have restamps are put on letters? I have received several with the stamps up side down, and others crosswise, and still of the velvet on the top, one on the others leaning to the right or left.

There is a "stamp filtration" by whose main sleep-producing process. Food of any other main sleep-producing process. Food of any o

TOLD ABOUT **NEW YORKERS.**

O IR PERCY SANDERSON, British Consul - General at New York, has run over to London a brief vacation. Pierre Mali, Belgian Consul at New York, has gone ome with his wife, accompanying Paroness Moncheur, wife of the Belgian Minister to the United States. charge of subordinates while their enjoying vacations in

jects of the orations. There were five men of the Present," "How to Bring About Love Between the Races,"

"What are my dutles as judge?"

"Credit the orators with points." said a member of the committee. "Gentlemen, I thank you," remarked the Senator. "I will attend the exer-

tion as to receive pointers."

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt tells about an American under-secretary at the Paris Embassy, a young man who has no knowledge of French. This young man attended a ministerial reception one All the diplomats present

The British Ambassador consoled him for a while with a little talk, but he

soon turned away. "Don't leave me," said the American. "I must," rejoined the other. though, is Count Casci. He speaks English. Let me introduce you to him." The introduction was made, and the American began to talk in English to the Count. But the latter seemed not to understand.

"Mats vous parlez Francais, monsleur?" he interrupted. "Un peu" (a little), the American re-

turned. "Vous-parlez-English?" "A small." With a gesture of despair, the Amer-

Ican turned to hurry away.

Thomas E. Dixop, jr., once a successful Baptist preacher in New York, now lives at Elmington Manor, Dixondale, a., on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. are 300 large shade trees on his lawn.

QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.

No. Wear Frock Coat.

the \$27 he never expected to get. My the physical exaltation which the electric storm induces? advice to him is as follows: Invite a party of friends to go out to some quiet out-of-town resort not far from New York as early Sunday morning as is possible and spend the day there. You can have lunch and dinner served crowded pleasure resort. A number o members of the club I belong to were

Apply to British Admiralty. To whom shall I write in order t gain information regarding a retired

JEANNETTE. Must Be Native American.

captain of the English Navy

A says a United States President nee only be a citizen. B says a United States President must be a native S. KORNFIELD.

Friday.

To the Editor of The Evening World: On what day of the week did Sept. Rosa Bonheur's Paintings.

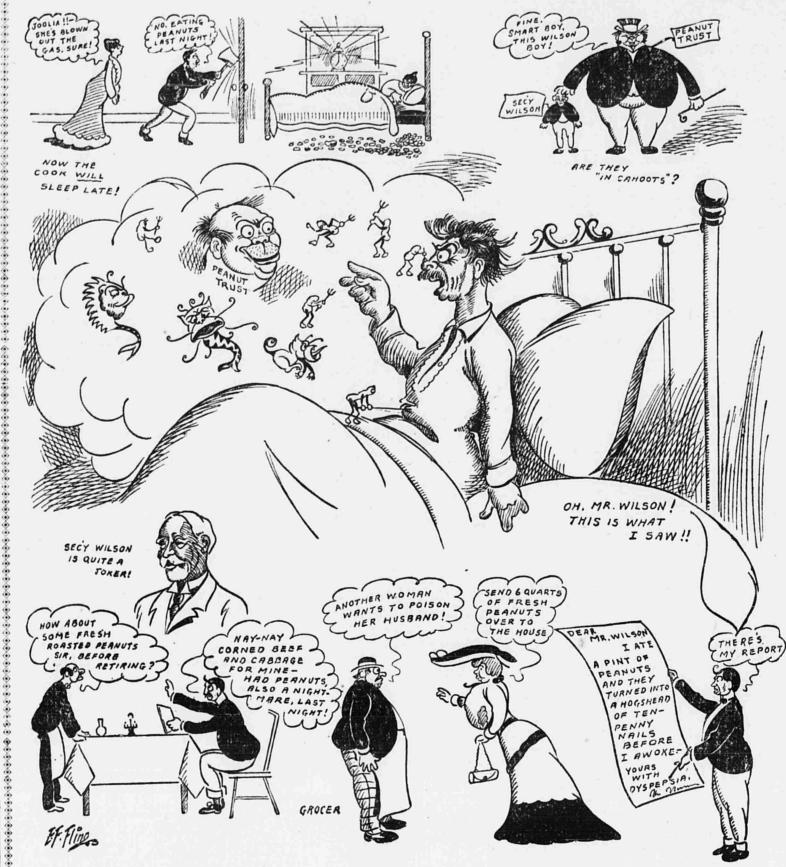
to the Editor of The Evening World: What was the style of Rosa Bonheur's She made a specialty of painting do-

Won in Second Round. to the Editor of The Evening World

Can a Chinaman become a citizen of the United States? GEORGE.

Stamp Flirtation.

THE "PEANUT CURE" FOR INSOMNIA.



A scientist in the Department of Agriculture declares peanuts a cure for insomnia. Secretary Wilson, who has suffered from sleeplessness, advises his friends to eat at least a pint of fresh-roasted peanuts just before retiring and to follow the meal with a large drink of water. He asks that the results of this regimen be reported to him.

Oh, the Peanut Trust is happy and no more morose and scrappy, And Insomnia, in terror, has run screeching up a tree. And blissful snores somniferous attest the splendiferous Discovery that's set us all from sleepless vigils free.

HER PREFERENCE.



Edyth-Did I understand you to say that Cordelia was trying to get into business? Mayme-Everybody's.

Mayme—That's what I said. Edyth—What kind of business?

WHY SHE WAS DOUBTFUL.

"Yes, I told de lady in de wayside cottage dat I was a street-car conductor cut of a job, but she wouldn't believe me.' "Why was dat?"

"She said I was too polite."



TOO LATE FOR USE.

Passer-by-Is the tooth so agon-Izing? Lemuel-No; 'tain't that; but the old thing didn't begin achin' till after school was out!



Pa Medders-I don't see hov farmers make a livin' in this deestrict, Mirandy. There's no way of gittin' their cows run over by the cars.

HOME FUN FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

ELECTRIC TRICKS.

Electrified glass-Warm a glass rod and rub it briskly with a silk handker chief or any piece of old silk. It wil become electrified and will attract light objects, such as bran, pith balls, feath ers and small bits of paper in the same manner as a magnet attracts fron.

Electrified sealing wax-Rub a stick of sealing wax with warm, dry flannel; i will become electrified, and will act in the same way as the glass rod. Rubbing briskly on the coatsleeves will have he same effect, but careful maminas An amusing trick is to throw up

light feather and chase it with an electrified stick of sealing wax.

PRETTY STOCK.

Here is a pretty bit of summer wor for girls: The material used is 1-4 yard of chin Is there any meaning in the way 11-4 yards of velvet ribbon 1-2 inch

CAN YOU SOLVE THE PIRATE'S PUZZLE?

Here you see the Pirate Islands, and a better life. One of his favorite offers right in the centre of them the rendez- to them was their liberty if they would right in the centre of them the rendez-vous of Captain Billy Gote and his gang. Captain Billy came of a long race of the way in. The picture shows the pirates, one of his sons being the la- number of wrecks in each channel. Can mented Captain Kidd. He was a gal- you find the way in, not passing through lant knave, and always gave his men any channel more than once and passan opportunity to win freedom and lead ing an even 100 wrecks on the way?

Some of the Best Jokes of the Day.

GOLD AND SALMON.

Of Alaska's shipments to the Unite States but 30 per cent, in value is gold The value of canned salmon alone is \$8,400,000, or \$1,000,000 more than Mr. Seward, as Secretary of State, paid for

A WASTE OF TIME. Finnegan-Don't be so lazy an' dis ouraged about it. oind out what ye kin do is to try. Flanagan-Ay- But that's the worst way to foind out what ye can't do.-

Philadelphia Publi Ledger. INQUISITIVE FRED. "Mamma," queried litle Fred, "he old will I be on my next birthday?" "You'll be five years old if you live dear." replied his mother. "Yes, but suppose I don't live," co

tinued the small inquisitor, "how old will be then?"—Chicago Dally News. HER PURPOSE. Nell-You're not really engaged to Mr.

Blank? Belle-I am, indeed, Why? Nell-Why, I took him to be a married Belle-Well, that's what I've taken

him to be.-Philadelphia Ledgar

THE GIRL WHO IS JEALOUS.

She Does Not Prove the Depth of Her Love by This Trait.

By Helen Oldfield.

ROM ancient times there has been a claim, amounting almost to a popular fallacy, that jealousy is among the strongest evidences of devoted affection; indeed, some to so far as to insist true love cannot exist without the presence of the green-eyed monster in greater or less degree. It is a favorite excuse on the part of those who give way to such weakness, often amounting to wickedness, that the tempers and sulks in which they indulge at courtesies shown by their dear ones to any other man or woman. as the case may be, are only so many convincing proofs of their own perfect and utter devotion.

Edwin expects Angelina to be doubly certain of his love because he scowls when she smiles on Colin; Angeline nagines that she redoubles ner vows by the tears in which she indulges if Edwin waltzes too often with Phoebe; and each of them takes credit for unusual and charming devotion because of the desire for complete monopoly of all the other's thoughts and attentions, says Helen Oldfield in the Chicago Tribune.

In point of fact, if jealousy be proof of love, that love is love of self. It rushes eagerly to sacrifice the supposed bject of its deep and absorbing affection upon the altar of its own vanity and selfishness, and never hesitates to drag the so-called sovereign of its heart captive at the chariot wheels of caprice. A great love must of necessity be unseifish. too full of the beloved to think of self. prising all its talents and possessions, great or small, only as something to offer with itself. Love is slave as well as king, and serves faithfully, joyfully, taking pride in its humility, and ready always to sacrifice itself with alacrity for the use and behoof of the beloved. There may be some men, and more women, who, upon making the bitter discovery that the heart which they coveted for their own had been given to another, have not only put their own claims unselfishly aside but have also done what they could to make the person so dearly loved happy with that other.

Can any one deny that such affection, counting its own

happiness as naught in comparison with that of its object, is far more pure and devoted than the self-seeking passion which claims everything as its own, and begrudges even the crumbs which fall from its table-the mad desire which has been sung by poets, and which nowadays occasionally figures in the police courts as preferring to slaughter the object of its fierce devotion rather than relinquish it to another? No; a thousand times no. Unselfishness is the strongest proof which love can give in evidence of its own truth and sincenity.

There is a faint shadow of apology in the case of the mother-the natural pang of "to bear, to rear, to lose," the giving way to another. And there is far too much truth in the old adage. "Your son is your son till he gets him a wife." It cannot be denied that wives are far more likely to be touchy, not to say jealous, of their husband's mothers, than mothers are with regard to their sons' wives. Mother love is, or ought to be, the most unselfish sentiment upon earth, and it is to be hoped and believed comparatively few mothers would condemn their sons to lonely lives in order that they may keep them all to themselves until the inevitble day comes when they must leave them.

PETULANT PEOPLE.

OTHING suits them and no one, try how he may, able to do anything that will please them for five con-secutive seconds.

How it happens no one knows, but the petulant individuals are perpetually being insulted and annoyed by some

The "some one" doubtless had kind intentions in his heart when he did the deed and probably did not expect such disastrous consequences to follow. If you are so footish as to think that you can apologize

to the petulant individuals and "make up" with them, you may as well dispel that delusion, for no such a thing is

Apologies and petulancy do not agree, says Susan Simple in the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Even before you meet the petulant personages you can

tell them from afar by the expression on their faces. They never look happy and their mouths are usually screwed into as small a space as possible. If they were infants of a tender age that style of mouth would be alluded to as decidedly "cheruby." But as they

are not babes-in age at least-the term does not apply to

One rather looks for petulancy in a small child, but when it comes to being self-evident in persons who have arrived at "years of discretion" and are supposed to have a little common sense-whether they use it or not-it becomes tiresome, to say the least.

CONVERSATION AT TABLE.

It was Dean Swift who thought "no one ought to talk at dinner table longer than a minute at a time," and his ruler for such conversation are so admirable that they might b printed on our dinner menus:

> Conversation is but carving: Give no more to every guest Than he's able to digest, Give him always of the prime, And but little at a time. Carve to all but just enough, Let them neither starve nor stuff. And that you may have your due, Let some neighbor carve for you.

ON THE EVENING WORLD PEDESTAL.



against Murphy and Gaffney, in the Dock Board case.)

HE'LL place 'em 'neath the ban!"

Oh, Children! On our Pedestal See the attorney man!

When first his office did embark In probing Dock Board rumors dark, Jerome said: "Ring up Mister Clarket They'll find in him no easy mark!