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THE FRANCHISE TAX TRIUMPH.

It is gratifying that the new principle of taxation incorporated in the franchise tax law is upheld by the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court...

This law puts an end to the anomalous conditions under which public utilities of incalculable value escaped taxation as being neither real estate nor personal property.

The victory for municipal thrift is a notable one.

THE POLICE ON SUNDAY—WHERE?

It comes to this question: Where do the people of New York want their policemen on Sunday?

Not even the best and nimblest officer can be in two places at once. On every first day of the week, the force is to be cut up into small details and distributed to the fields, parks and corner lots...

On the Sunday baseball fields there is peace till the police appear to disturb it. In the wake of the interfering bluecoats come bitter feelings, angry words, curses, threats and almost riots.

The question recurs: Do the people of New York wish the police to perform their legitimate duties on seven days of the week, or, on one day, in place of maintaining order, to invite disorder?

SICKLY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Examination by the Board of Health physicians disclosed that 50% of the public school children are defective. In many cases the defects are in sight or hearing, but a large proportion of cases appears where at an early age pulmonary or heart troubles or chronic disease had so far developed as to be manifest on routine examination.

This state of things requires a scientific investigation and a careful consideration of possible remedy. The defects in eyesight and hearing can and should be promptly attended to by the Board of Health physicians.

The many cases of heart and lung troubles and of intestinal disorders cannot be treated as simply as defective vision and hearing. The large addition to New York's population from countries where sanitary precautions are not taken and the laws of health observed makes it all the more necessary for unusual action by the Board of Health to prevent the repetition of such conditions in New York and to avoid so far as possible the hereditary perpetuation of diseases resulting therefrom.

"BIDING THEIR TIME."

It appears that the funeral of "Eat-'Em-Up Jack" McManus brought a trace of hostile gang factions. But the dead man's "resentful companions" are "biding their time" and will seek revenge later.

Meantime, what of a little additional vigilance to prevent the carrying out of the scheduled plan of feud vengeance and murder?

GAS DEATH-ROLL GROWS.

Another death is chargeable to the methods of the Gas Trust. Sevilla Calabrace and her father and mother went to sleep at their home, No. 306 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, leaving a gas jet burning.

These instances are of frequent occurrence. A short time ago a mother and all her children were killed. The individual cases are so frequent that the Coroners' Office tabulates them separately.

It must be possible to furnish a supply of pure gas at a steady pressure, or other cities would show a death list from gas corresponding to the long roll in the New York Coroners' Office. It is possible to maintain a steady supply of electricity by providing suitable feed wires, and there is no mechanical reason why a suitable construction of feed gas mains would not also keep up an equable supply and pressure of gas.

To the arguments of the Consolidated Gas Company in opposition to a legal pressure and purity of gas supply the experience of other cities and New York's death list are an unanswerable reply.

The People's Corner. Letters from Evening World Readers

"Near" and "Off" Horse. To the Editor of The Evening World: Which is the "near" and which the "off" horse? Rockville Centre, L. I.

A Darning Machine. DARNING machine, one which will in ten minutes cover a hole that an industrious woman could hardly fill in an hour, is a recently invented piece of labor-saving apparatus.

They Met

By J. Campbell Cory.



ROJESTVENSKY (soliloquizing)—Togo tho ught he was darn cute, but I found him.

Said on the Side

SPEAKING of Baron Alphonse Rothschild's belief in the unlikelihood of the number thirteen, it seems that this is almost entirely a grown person's superstition. A study of 1,000 children made by W. S. Monroe showed it to be practically non-existent in children under ten, and not prevalent among older children.

Frilly Finance in the Home.

(By E. F. Flinn.)



In a Suit in the City Court Against the Husband of a Society Leader to Compel Him to Pay a Tradesman's Bill, the Husband Testified that He Did Not Pay His Wife's Bills, but Helped Her Out by "Giving Her Presents" at Christmas and on Her Birthday.

The Man Higher Up.

By Martin Green.

"I SEE," said The Cigar Store Man, "that Rojostvensky got his 'Poor old Roj!' sympathized The Man Higher Up. 'It was certainly a raw deal to chase him half way around the world to get licked in a punch. Russia is now the Joe Grimm of nations. Before she can scare up another scrap she will have to go and get a reputation. Spain looks like the only country she would have a chance of getting a decision over, and it would have to be a limited round bout at that. Turkey has a beautiful chance to jump in and throw the boots into the Czar while he is down.'"

"This complete knockout of Russia on the sea comes right after the meeting of the Peace Congress at Boston. The ladylike gentlemen and ladies who agitate perpetual peace say that war is wrong. They are dead right. They have no stronger booster than the Czar. No nation is groutier against war than a nation that has just been properly licked."

"The Peace Congress passed resolutions denouncing the building up of our navy. People who have the peace bug think that if we let our navy rot the rest of the world will let us alone. Russia let her navy rot, but when it came to a showdown she had to use it as it was, and Japan went through it like a Saengerbund picnic goes through a cheese. When we were compelled to put on the gloves with Spain her navy was on the friz. Her finish was in sight when her ships sailed from Spain to Cuba."

"We may have to fight at any time and we don't want to get the worst of it. Unless we have a navy way up on the top line the things another nation would be able to do to us in case of trouble would read like a condensation of all the disasters in the history of the world. Not only do we need the ships, but we need thousands of the best scrappers that can be persuaded to put on a sailor's uniform. Look at Jim Jeffries. He is so big and strong that there isn't a bully alive with the nerve to tackle him. The lesson for the United States in the war between Russia and Japan is that the United States should be big and strong enough to be able to take the title of champion heavy-weight of the world and hold it."

"The surest way to have a war is to invite it," declared The Cigar Store Man.

"No," replied The Man Higher Up, "the surest way to invite war is to cultivate a yellow streak."

American Wife's Luck.

By Dorothy Fennimore.

"If my wife does not obey me, I shall give her the thumps. You know what I mean. I shall beat her," solemnly remarked the handsome young French count who sat across from me at table on the steamer. "She will do what I want her to. Why? Because she is my wife," he concluded with conviction.

"In France," he went on to observe critically, "a man and his wife are one; they have one will, one way between them; but in your country a married couple are always two, except in the eyes of the law."

"I could not help regretting that I was unable to introduce this lord of creation to one of those women of my own land who have secured divorces from their husbands, by our obliging laws, on the ground that they found married life too tame because they were permitted to have their own way in everything," says Dorothy Fennimore in the Chicago Journal.

It is natural, under the circumstances, that the French people should be secretly scandalized by the spectacle of the annual arrival in Paris of a horde of American wives, who have come abroad for the summer, unaccompanied by their husbands.

"Woman owes obedience to her husband," is a generally recognized principle which is based on article 215 of the French civil code. And according to the ideas of the country the proper place for a woman is in her own home, and her highest duty is to please in every way her husband, his family and his friends.

The Frenchwoman, however, feels less in bondage than does the American, who makes a distinct effort to maintain her independence after marriage. Nor is her case that of a captive bird, that is happy in a gilded cage. She is satisfied simply to be feminine, which means also that her sentimental side develops naturally, since sentiment is characteristically feminine. And if her husband is good to her she is very likely to be happy, and to regard obedience to his will as a pleasure, not a duty.

Little Willie's Guide to New York.

The "Booklet" Collectors.

THIS is the time of year that New Yorkers begin to spend their salaries on stamps and to get for booklets of summer resorts. They know the hot weather is coming and they say to each other, "It is time to get ready to chase out of the world stinky lets and for booklets likewise, they do so and the job of picking winners on a \$3 dollar raffle is a foolishly easy stunt compared with selecting the best attractive place in which to get your bank account atrophied to a frazzle for the dreary summer months. Some folks are so poor that they have to spend the summer in their cool and deserted flats and pass their evenings on dreary ruffegations with a glass of something cold in front of them or at cozy lund or on the river and they travel on cars that are no longer crowded so let us pity these hard and bitter lot and contrast it with the lucky people who have the privilege of giving up their big apartment for a nice stuffy two or three room in a farmhouse where canned vegetables and western musketeers and malarial and sunrises can be had for the asking and where the landlord furnishes a fine bracing atmosphere on bill days and where men can travel 4 hours a day on trams that are interested by commuters. The booklet habit is a noble thing to contemplate. good old booklets. A. P. TERHUNE.

Where 'Staple' Comes From

THE word "staple," applied as an adjective to distinguish certain articles of commerce, had its origin in England in the early part of the thirteenth century. The merchants of the Staple were the first and most ancient, and were so called from their exporting the staple wares of the kingdom, viz. wool, leather, skins, lead and tin. The King's Staple was established in certain towns, and certain goods could not be exported without being first brought to these towns and rated and charged with the duty payable to the King. The grower of wool contented himself at first with the sale of it at his own door, or at the next town, and the foreign cloth merchants, who had become a medium between the grower and the foreign cloth merchants, in 1313 the company had the legal form of a corporation and was the oldest mercantile corporation in England. Edward II. had for the better collecting of duty on wool ordained that the Staple for it should be a certain town in the Netherlands, and Antwerp was fixed upon. It was afterward successively removed to St. Omer's, Bruges, Brussels, Louvain, Mechlin and Calais. In 1378 the Staple was fixed at Westminster, which caused so great a resort of traders that from a village it was raised to the dignity of a town. In 1378 it was removed to the place still named Staple, in Holborn. Hence "staple goods" are such as have been duly appraised and have paid the regular customs duties.

The Laughoscope.

Jimson, Sr.—I thought you told me some time ago that you were not addicted to poker playing? Jimson, Jr.—So I did. Jimson, Sr.—But I hear you lost \$50 in a game last night. Jimson, Jr.—Well, isn't that proof that I don't play the game?—Chicago Journal. Bennings—What is meant by the grave and the gay? Jennings—Must refer to that deceased octogenarian and his pretty young widow.—Chicago Journal. Hix—But she's so awfully shy. Dix—Naturally. Her father used to be a great poker player.—Washington Star. "Cupid is blind," said the sentimental youth. "Yes," answered Cayenne. "So I have heard. And the conversation of some love-stick people makes me wish that he were also deaf and dumb."—Washington Star. "Miss Pansy has a queer habit of nodding her head and interjecting 'Yes, yes' when any one talks to her. Funny, isn't it?" "Yes, I think she got that habit waiting for some man to propose."—Philadelphia Ledger. "Can we keep birds?" inquired Mr. Youngblood, who was looking at the flat. "Well, you can keep crows and parrots, but not the others."

Where Women Work.

W HELLIE Garpey has 4,500,000 women on who earn their own living. Italy, with only one-half as many, has 2,250,000.