

FRANCE PLANNING AIR SERVICE FOR NEW BALLOON ERA

Revolution in Everyday Affairs Coming with the Airship.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French Government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are actually at work elaborating plans for meeting, in the various branches of the public service, the solution of any new problems which the revolution will entail.

Capt. Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics, and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his Government with the Wright brothers, agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles to-day.

In the next war, he is convinced, there will be battles between flotillas of airships.

"Human mastery over the air," said he to-day, "is virtually achieved. None of the starting, achieving of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone, can compare with what the future now holds in store for us."

Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to revise, in almost every department, new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking the precaution to meet it.

"In the customs service present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border. The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines to protect the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals.

It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any goal they threaten against not only rulers but whole cities, but with the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground.

"In war the intelligence service will be entirely consigned to the aerostatic divisions and armed airships will guard the bivouacs of armies."

Capt. Ferber believes the whole solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium as the principle of flight—that is, area of aeroplane surface and speed, as are now demonstrated. The principal maintenance of equilibrium is yet in the experimental stage and will only be attained when present crude and temporary expedients employed by Santos Dumont are replaced by a co-ordinating central mechanism which will permit the operator, with an instinctive touch of the helm, to right his machine when it dips to one side or the other, as the bicyclist to-day maintains his equilibrium by the instinctive inclination of his body.

Capt. Ferber has just completed an interesting series of experiments to prove that birds are powerless to fly until they have mastered the process. He contends that the domination of the air at present enjoyed by birds, was only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable, in a way, to slow perfection of the present human means of flight.

TAX BACHELORS TO SUPPORT TEACHERS.

Pennsylvania Law Advocated to Maintain Pension Fund for the Superannuated.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20.—J. S. Elliott, a school director, created a sensation at the Washington County School Directors' annual convention last night by advocating in a public speech and appealing to a member of the Legislature present for legislation taxing bachelors to secure a school pension fund.

Dr. W. W. Spradley, of Houston, Tex., is the legislator, and Mr. Elliott directed his remarks to him, saying that an felt certain the Legislature would pass a measure taxing bachelors over forty years of age to establish a pension fund for superannuated teachers.

The directors also passed a resolution adopting the method of withholding a month's salary from the women teachers to prevent their leaving their positions to marry.

German Cruisers to Visit Va. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Baron Speck von Stauffburg, the German ambassador, has notified the State Department that the German cruisers Panther and Bremen will visit several southern ports during the months of January, February and March.

The ports will be Key West, Pensacola and Tampa, Fla.; Galveston, Texas, and Newport News, Va. The department has notified the governors of those States.

SAID COP ASKED BABY CARRIAGE BY WAY OF GRAFT

But the Bluecoat Was There with a Sick-Leave Alibi.

Magistrate Wahle got hopping mad in the Yorkville Police Court to-day when he discovered what he took to be an attempt to swear away a policeman's good name on false charges.

Last night Patrolman Ryan, of the East Twenty-second street station, undertook to arrest Louis Zweekfel, a toy dealer at No. 84 Second avenue, on the charge of obstructing the sidewalk with his display of Christmas goods.

The toy man resisted. The cop laid a compelling hand on Zweekfel's coat collar and gave him a yank. The next instant the two men had gone to the bricks in a clinch.

As they wrestled and threshed about on the pavement, the prisoner's wife, Mary, who is plump, and his servant, Christina Freeman, who is plumper, came running with sticks in their hands. They banged Ryan on the head and they took turns jumping on his back as he held the struggling husband down.

Ryan Got His Feet. Ryan's spine made—fine spring-board for the lady athletes, but eventually he was tired of the role and he got on his feet and grabbed the women. In the confusion Zweekfel got away, but Ryan marched the pair to the lockup.

To-day a lawyer, Alexander Block, appeared to defend them on the charge of resisting an officer. Block said he proposed to show that Ryan arrested Zweekfel because Zweekfel had refused to make him a gift of a baby carriage. He declared he could prove Ryan had first made the demand last Saturday and pressed it again yesterday.

Mrs. Zweekfel chimed in with a confirmation of the story, and Christina, the servant, added her mite. She knew about the attempted baby carriage graft, too, she said. Ryan whispered something to the Magistrate and showed him a record slip.

"Are you sure it was last Saturday the officer tried to secure this baby carriage?" asked His Honor. "Oh, yes," chorused the three accusers.

The Cop's Exonerated. "Well, I have just learned that the officer has been off duty on sick leave for several weeks and that he did not go to work until Sunday. I am convinced that what he says is true and that what you say is not true. These women have been advised by some one to make this charge."

"Well, he's a liar," said Magistrate Wahle. "For I am going to see that he is arrested at once. We'll go to the bottom of this little case. Then he fined Mrs. Zweekfel \$10 and the servant \$5."

Insomnia Quickly Cured. ADA-LUR-IEB is an efficient Nerve Tonic of rare and extraordinary merit, a never-failing cure for Insomnia and ALL NERVOUS DISORDERS IN MEN AND WOMEN. ADA-LUR-IEB makes the eye bright and the mind clear, giving a delightful consciousness of perfect health. It is ABSOLUTELY HARMLESS and can be used by the most delicate person. ADA-LUR-IEB is giving marvellous results in all nervous diseases caused by an anemic condition of the spinal cord, especially in SHAKING PALSY and LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA, curing LOSS OF NERVE POWER (as usual with writers, professional and business people, office workers, bookkeepers, etc.) and all languid conditions of the system.

ADA-LUR-IEB heartfully regulates the bowels and liver and restores the nerve harmony, the foundation of perfect health. Formula on every package. ADA-LUR-IEB Tablets contain exactly 100 Pure Food Pills, containing no alcohol, morphine, chloral or other narcotic drug. Booklet free. All correspondence confidential. Price, \$1 per box, 6 boxes for \$5. Mailed (sealed) to any address by ADA-LUR-IEB MEDICINE CO., 112 Broadway, New York City.

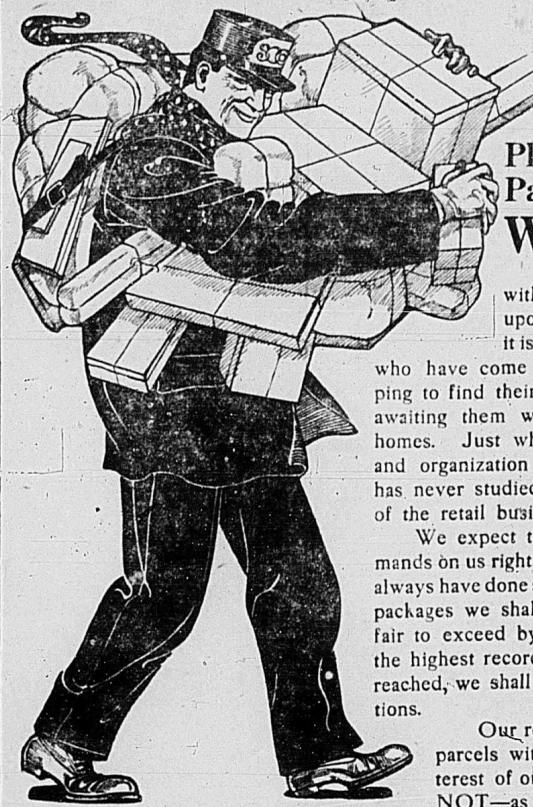
ADAMANT AND AMALGAM DENTISTRY BY HELEMAN, 293 B'way, 21 Park Row, 125th & 7th sts., 15th & Broadway, 14th & Lenox av., Brooklyn, N. Y. 614

CALLAHAN, 4th av. & 2nd, 59th & Madison av. HILKEL, 2nd av. & 10th, 4th av. & 9th, 11th & 12th, 13th & 14th, 15th & 16th, 17th & 18th, 19th & 20th, 21st & 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 25th & 26th, 27th & 28th, 29th & 30th, 31st & 32nd, 33rd & 34th, 35th & 36th, 37th & 38th, 39th & 40th, 41st & 42nd, 43rd & 44th, 45th & 46th, 47th & 48th, 49th & 50th, 51st & 52nd, 53rd & 54th, 55th & 56th, 57th & 58th, 59th & 60th, 61st & 62nd, 63rd & 64th, 65th & 66th, 67th & 68th, 69th & 70th, 71st & 72nd, 73rd & 74th, 75th & 76th, 77th & 78th, 79th & 80th, 81st & 82nd, 83rd & 84th, 85th & 86th, 87th & 88th, 89th & 90th, 91st & 92nd, 93rd & 94th, 95th & 96th, 97th & 98th, 99th & 100th.

MIRIAM, 112 E. 125th st., 203 Broadway, 100 Columbus av., 1 E. 42d st., 11th & Broadway, 12th & 13th, 14th & 15th, 16th & 17th, 18th & 19th, 20th & 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 24th & 25th, 26th & 27th, 28th & 29th, 30th & 31st, 32nd & 33rd, 34th & 35th, 36th & 37th, 38th & 39th, 40th & 41st, 42nd & 43rd, 44th & 45th, 46th & 47th, 48th & 49th, 50th & 51st, 52nd & 53rd, 54th & 55th, 56th & 57th, 58th & 59th, 60th & 61st, 62nd & 63rd, 64th & 65th, 66th & 67th, 68th & 69th, 70th & 71st, 72nd & 73rd, 74th & 75th, 76th & 77th, 78th & 79th, 80th & 81st, 82nd & 83rd, 84th & 85th, 86th & 87th, 88th & 89th, 90th & 91st, 92nd & 93rd, 94th & 95th, 96th & 97th, 98th & 99th, 100th & 101st.

GRIFPIN-WRAY DRUG CO., Yorkers.

Great Reserve Stocks of Jewelry, Toys and Dolls Keep Assortments Complete



THE BIG STORE... A CITY IN ITSELF. MEET ME AT THE FOUNTAIN. SIEGEL COOPER CO. NO CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER STORE. J. B. GREENHUT, PRESIDENT. SIXTH AVE. 13th to 15th STREETS NEW YORK

Please Take Small Parcels With You

WE are rather proud of the way our delivery system is keeping up with the present demands upon it. Even at this season it is not uncommon for women who have come down for a day's shopping to find their Siegel Cooper purchases awaiting them when they return to their homes. Just what this means in system and organization no one can realize who has never studied this troublesome branch of the retail business.

We expect to keep even with the demands on us right up to Christmas Day. We always have done so, and while the number of packages we shall deliver this month bids fair to exceed by many hundred thousand the highest record we have ever heretofore reached, we shall live up to our best traditions.

Our request to you to take small parcels with you is purely in the interest of our own delivery force—it is NOT—as some seemed to have considered it—a suggestion in your own behalf. You will get your purchase on time, if you leave it to us, but if you will take the small, light, easily carried, neatly wrapped parcels with you, you will relieve some very busy men and horses of some very heavy loads.

Open Evenings Until 10 o'Clock Up to Christmas

Youths' Long-Trousers Suits and Overcoats

Sizes 14 to 20 Years or 30 to 36 Breast Measure

THE Suits are in either the single or double breasted style, made of fine cassimeres or chevrons in all the new Winter colorings.

The Overcoats are made of Oxford or black melton with either plain or form-fitting back; all have velvet collars.

Any one of these suits or overcoats is a most exceptional value; special for Friday only



Bracelet Watches at \$4.50

WE have just received a fresh shipment of these pretty and popular adornments which we can sell at a price considerably less than the average about-town figures. Gold filled; adjustable to any size of wrist; watch with good Swiss movement. \$4.50

The New "Comfy" Slippers

"COMFY" slippers are appropriately called a "featherbed for the feet," so soft and warm are they, being made of pure Australian live-wool felt, with heavily padded soles of the same material. We give to every purchaser of a pair of "Comfy" slippers a handsome slipper bag made of moire silk to match the color of the slippers. "Comfy" slippers for men, women and children, ranging in price from 85c to \$1.25



Women's Winter Suits Reduced a Half

ODD lots, but plenty of them—no woman can try to find her fit without succeeding. Every one of these suits is selling as this is written at the price originally marked on it. This is their first reduction and we make it a heavy one in order to make but a one-day affair of some two or three hundred suits.

Some of the reductions are more than one-half—not one is less than one-third the original price.

\$10, \$12 and \$15 Suits Reduced to \$7.50

\$15, \$17.50 and \$20 Suits Reduced to \$9.75

\$20, \$22.50 and \$25 Suits Reduced to \$12.50



Women's Skirts of Fine Panama, \$3.95

IN black only and as good a value as we have had in low-priced skirts in a long time. Half the goodness of a skirt depends on the way it is cut and the way it fits and hangs. These are everything they should be on those important points.

A good tailor made them, and made them well. They are cut very full, in the "cluster-pleat" style, with the right sweep and fall to them. The material is a good Panama cloth—not the flimsy fabric that sometimes masquerades as "Panama" in the low-priced "bargain" skirt of less careful stores, but a firm, serviceable quality that will give satisfactory wear. We have 300 of these skirts to sell at a very remarkable price. In black \$3.95 only

Music Cabinets—39 inches high, 18 inches wide; imitation mahogany finish; adjustable shelves; sale price \$5.50

Morris Chairs—an exceedingly good chair in quartered oak or mahogany finish; made with full spring seat, with curved legs and claw feet; full spring seat, complete with figured velour cushion; sale price \$10

Morris Chairs—broad arms, massive legs and claw feet; complete with red or green velour cushion; sale price \$14

Unmistakable Bargains in Furniture—Practical Gifts

The articles selected for this sale are just those that are most in demand at this time. All are pieces of standard construction, taken from our regular stock, but now marked at special prices.

Leather Couches—(as illustrated) covered with genuine leather; finely finished oak frames; the very best upholstery, and open spring construction; sale \$28

Lederette Couches—(as illustrated) all tufted with patent buttons; finely upholstered; covered with best grade of leatherette; solid oak frames, golden finish; sale price \$13

Velour Couches—made with oak frames, open spring construction; patent button; finely upholstered and covered with velour in various colors; sale \$12.75

Decks—(as illustrated) imitation mahogany or golden oak finish, highly polished; the best possible construction; sale price \$5.50

The same design in bird's-eye maple; sale price \$9

curved legs and claw feet; full spring seat, complete with figured velour cushion; sale price \$10

Good Rugs

JUST the sizes that most women want—soft, warm high-piled rugs of domestic make, and rich fur rugs that add a touch of warmth and luxuriousness to a room. Special prices, too.

Wilton Rugs Regular Price. Size. Sale Price. \$6.75. 36x60. \$5.75. 5.50. 36x63. 4.50. 3.75. 27x54. 2.95. 3.50. 27x54. 2.75. Axminster Rugs Regular Price. Size. Sale Price. \$4.25. 27x63. \$3.35. 2.75. 27x63. 1.95. Fur Rugs Combination Fur Rugs—in an assortment of pretty colorings; size 28x64; regular price \$3.95 \$4.75; special at \$2.85 White Gray or Back Fur Rugs—size 28x64; regular price \$3.50; special at \$2.85

Groceries, Fresh Fish and Meats

BETTER supplies for the Christmas dinner cannot be bought than those we offer in this large and popular grocery store. Lower prices cannot be obtained for goods of equal quality. Compare our figures with those of other dealers—that is proof. The saving is all yours. Prompt deliveries. Telephone and mail orders quickly filled. Call 4000 Chelsea.

Christmas Nuts A popular assortment of all New Mixed Nuts Our best quality; 5 1/2 lbs. \$4 20c lb. Regular 1 1/2 quality; 2 lbs. 25c

Best Patent Flour Pillsbury's Best XXXX Washburn-Crosby Gold Medal, or Fountain Premium Patent; 5 lb. \$5.44; 5 lbs. \$2.96; 10 lbs. \$4.89c

Sugar Cured Bacon Squire's New England mild cured; size 11 in. prices for slicing; 1 lb. \$1.50c

Fresh Meats We deliver fresh meats and poultry between the Battery and 110th Street, East and West. Hindquarters of Canada Mutton; lb. 12c Short forequarters of Canada Mutton; 7c Loin of Fresh Jersey Pork; lb. 12c Selected lean trimmed Jersey 15c Ham; lb. 12c Choice fresh killed Roasting Chick 13c

Choice fresh killed or pickled Fowl; 1 lb. 15c Forequarter of fancy Canada 12c Lamb; lb. 12c Choice fresh killed Western Goat; 1 lb. 10c

GRAPEFRUIT—fancy, Indian River, price, juicy, large fruit; box 54 fruit, \$4.78; 9c doz. \$1.10c

Fresh Fish We clean fresh fish, free of charge. Fancy Chicken (with Strata); lb. 12c Fancy Chicken (without Strata); lb. 12c Fancy Long Island Eggs; Selected Boston Codfish Steak; Selected Whitefish; Selected Blue Fish; Selected Boston Mackerel; Long Island Flounders; Newport Trout; Nova Scotia Herring; Boston Market Cod.

PLUM PUDDING—Fountain quality; 1 lb. Old English pudding; 4 lb. can; 23c SWEET CORN—Large; 1 lb. 25c

JAVA & MOCHA COFFEES—Select Coopers' FA ORITE BLEND; 5 lb. ctn. in this case; 10 lb. \$1.50; 5 lb. net weight paper; packing \$1.22c

Granulated Sugar H. & E. Best Refined; delivered in cotton sacks. 5-lb. 10-lb. 25-lb. 26c 51c \$1.28

Christmas Raisins—California seed raisins or new in paper reamed currants; 5 lb. \$1.45; two 2 lb. regular 15c 1 lb. certain; 25c

Smyrna Layer Figs Fancy new crop; 5 lb. 60c 25c

Mild Sugar Cured Hams—The popular 5 lb. & 6 lb. sizes; fine flavored ham; fresh smoked; 13 lb. 9 to 12 pound size; 1 lb. quantity

Handsome Umbrellas, \$2.95

A Kind That You Can Be Proud to Give

IT would be difficult to find a more desirable or useful gift for either a man or a woman than a fine umbrella. These are so very substantial in make and yet so unusually attractive in style that any one of them would make a very acceptable gift although the price seems low. The assortment of handles includes full-length pearl effects, with Sterling or gilt mounting; also genuine ivory, gun metal, polished cape horn, buckhorn and selected natural woods, all Sterling mounted. The coverings are of silk and listle Unions with fine selvage edge. Specially priced for \$2.95 to-morrow at \$2.95

12 Tune Music Boxes, \$5 Best Value

Ever offered. Special for Xmas. Wonderfully sweet, mellow toned instruments, with 12 tunes. Extra tune sheets, 10c. each. MIRA MUSIC BOXES \$9 to \$250 Special Easy Terms for Xmas buyers. Best and sweetest toned Music Boxes made. Play and improve all popular and operatic music. Phrasing lever attachment. Free demonstration recitals at warehouses and home. Write for free catalogue. Jacot Music Box Co. 50 Union Square, N. Y.