

# Things Queer and Curious

## Railroad Through the Air



A marvel of engineering is this new monorail line, suspended in midair, between Elberfeld and Barmen, Germany. The tracks of this railroad have their roadbed in the air, suspended by very wide inverted V-shaped steel girders. The train is operated by electricity, its truck wheels running along this single track. An alarming rate of speed is attained by the train. American tourists visiting this section of the country find great pleasure in riding on this line, which winds its way along the Wupper river.

## SHRINE OF JUJU IBIRI BONG TESTING PRECIOUS STONES



In exploring the Eket district of Nigeria, East Africa, P. Amaury Talbot found many ceremonies and customs that seem to have come down unchanged from the time of the Pharaohs. He discovered a secret society bearing the name Ekko Njawhaw (ghosts—the destroyers) whose juju is Ibiribong. To invoke the aid of this terrible spirit against an enemy, one must pluck a leaf and call upon the name of the juju and that of the man to be injured. The offering must then be flung into creek or stream that it may be borne into the Holy Bay. Directly it reaches the shrine the juju will lie in wait to drag to death the one against whom his aid has been invoked.

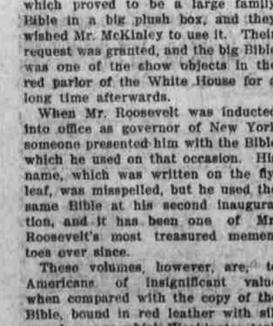
## BIBLES OF THE PRESIDENTS

One of the oldest, if not the very oldest, Bible connected with the American government is the book upon which, since 1800, every chief justice and every member of the Supreme court has taken the oath of allegiance when accepting his appointment to "Uncle Sam's" highest tribunal. More than that, every attorney who has practiced before the Supreme court since that date—1800—has pledged his allegiance over the little volume, with one exception—Daniel Webster. It is told even yet of the Supreme court of that day that Mr. Webster's fame as an orator had so preceded him that on that occasion, when he came to argue his first case before the court, the clerk, Mr. Caldwell, in his eagerness to hear the great speaker, forgot to administer the oath.

## COSMETIC OF THE MACUAS

In an effort to counterfeit the pale beauty of their Caucasian sisters the women of the Macua tribe of the Portuguese colony of Lourenço Marques, South America, are famed for their skill in lace making. The design of the handkerchief here illustrated is adapted from the webs spun in the trees by certain spiders of that country.

## Kakko Dancers of Japan



Despite the modernization of Japan, there still survive in the villages many curious old customs, among these being the Kakko dance. The parade of the dancers is here shown. The two men leading carry paper lanterns, for the dance was originally a nocturnal affair. After them follow the performers, most of them wearing peculiar hats that cover both head and face, and carrying small drums.

## ALBERTA CROP YIELDS

At MacLeod, Alta., weather conditions were excellent all through the season. Ninety per cent of the wheat up to Oct. 1st graded No. 1, the only No. 2 being fall wheat. The yield ranged from 28 to 40 bushels per acre, with an average of 28. Oats yielded well, and barley about 60 bushels.

Inverary is a new district in Alberta. Here wheat graded No. 2 and some of it went 50 bushels to the acre, oats going about 75 bushels.

Lethbridge correspondent says: "In the Monarch district the yield on summer fallow is averaging thirty-five bushels, a large percentage No. 1 northern."

"All spring grains are yielding better than expected in the Milk river district, south. A 300 acre field of Marquis wheat gave 41 1/2 bushels.

"Experimental farm results on grain sown on irrigated land place 'Red Fife' wheat in the banner position, with a yield of 59.40 bushels per acre. Oats yielded 132 bushels to the acre.

"John Turner of Lethbridge grew barley that went 60 bushels to the acre.

"Red Fife averages in weight from 60 to 68 pounds, and at Rosthern the Marquis wheat will run as high as 64 pounds to the bushel, while a sample of Marquis wheat at Arcola weighed no less than 68 pounds to the bushel. This variety is grading No. 1 hard."

Calgary, Alta., Oct. 8.—The problem of handling Alberta's big grain crop is becoming a serious one, and there is a congestion at many points in southern Alberta. One thousand cars could be used immediately. The C. P. R. prepared for a normal year, while the yield of grain was everywhere abnormal, with an increased acreage of about 23 per cent.

Moose Jaw, Sask., returns show some remarkable yields.

Bassano, Alta., Sept. 25, '13.—Individual record crops grown in Alberta include 1,800 acre field of spring wheat grown near Bassano which went thirty-five bushels to the acre and weighed sixty-six pounds to the bushel.

Noble, Alta., Oct. 1, '13.—All records for the largest shipment of grain by one farmer will be broken this year if the estimate of C. S. Noble of Noble, Alberta, proves correct. Mr. Noble has notified the Canadian Pacific Railway here that he will have 350,000 bushels of grain, chiefly barley and oats, ready for shipment very shortly.

L. Anderson Smith, writing to a friend in the Old Country, located at Killam, Alberta, says:

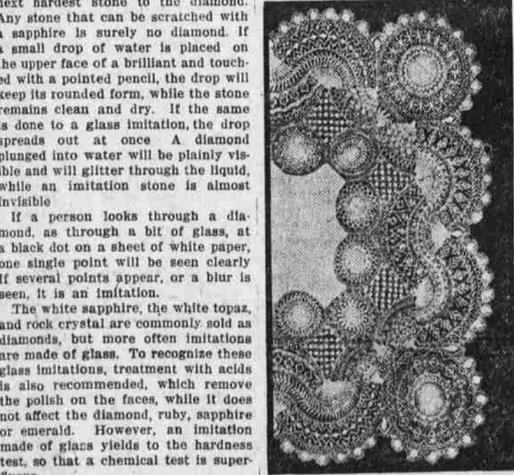
"Anyone taking up land will find Alberta an ideal province. The soil is a rich black loam, varying from 6 to 12 inches in depth. The land here in this district is not wholly open prairie. At intervals, sometimes closely, sometimes widely scattered, there are small spots of poplar and willows. These generally grow round some small depression in the land, and the snow drifts here in the winter and melts in the spring filling these sloughs (province "slows") with soft water. Nearly all these sloughs have old buffalo tracks to them, for it was from them that they always got their water. The poplars are very useful for building barns and hen-houses. Wild grasses are plentiful, while tame grasses, such as timothy, brome and western rye grass do remarkably well.

—Advertisement.

## MUSHROOMS IN QUARRIES

In France, mushrooms are cultivated in subterranean quarries at a depth of 60 to 200 feet from the earth's surface. These quarries have been found extremely profitable in this connection, owing partly to their equable temperature and their freedom from draughts, provision being made, however, for their proper ventilation. The beds are formed of manure, covered with about an inch of fine, white, stony soil, in which the spawn or mycelium is introduced at a depth of a few inches, and in rows eight to ten inches apart. The length of the beds is variable, and in general they are approximately 20 to 25 inches wide and of the same height.

## COPIED FROM SPIDER WEB



The women of the republic of Paraguay, South America, are famed for their skill in lace making. The design of the handkerchief here illustrated is adapted from the webs spun in the trees by certain spiders of that country.

## IMPROVING WITH AGE

"This lamb is getting pretty bad," said the new clerk. "What shall I do with it?" "Does it smell rank?" inquired the market man. "Yes. Shall I throw it away?" "No. Label it venison and mark up the price to 60 cents a pound.

## IN THE HOSPITAL

"What is the matter with this prohibition patient, doctor?" "What might be expected. Water on the brain."

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## SIMPLY REASON IT OUT

General Manager Could Form Only One Conclusion From Appearance of the Applicant.

"Poor girl!" said the general manager, as the young woman who had just applied for a position as stenographer walked out of his office.

"What's her trouble?" asked the secretary.

"It's too bad that a girl who is so pretty—one who might be living in luxury—is compelled to get out looking for work because she refused to listen to her parents. You heard her say she was married, didn't you?"

"Yes, but I didn't hear her mention her parents."

"Evidently you have not developed much ability in the way of making deductions. Why would a girl with such eyes, such hair, such a complexion, such teeth, such a beautiful face and such a figure as she have to go out looking for work if she hadn't married against her parents' wishes?"

Place for Prayer. Probably few youngsters make such a matter-of-fact business of prayer as a certain little Chicago lad, who was going to bed one night in an upper room, which was heated in the old-fashioned way by a stovepipe running through the floor. A caller sat with the family in the room below, and this is what floated down to the caller in the child's clear treble:

"Oh, Billy, come over here by the stovepipe! It's a bully warm place to pray."

The Idea. "This is a new view of the law the trusts seem to be taking."

"Yes; dissolving views."

Employment bureaus have been provided for the Philippines by the Government.

## Women Everywhere

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### Wonderful Case of Mrs. Stephenson, on the Pacific Coast.

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.—"I was sick with what four doctors called Nervous Prostration, was treated by them for several years, would be better for a while then back in the old way again. I had palpitation of the heart very bad, fainting spells, and was so nervous that a spoon dropping to the floor would nearly kill me, could not lift the lightest weight without making me sick; in fact was about as sick and miserable as a person could be. I saw your medicines advertised and thought I would try them, and am so thankful I did for they helped me at once. I took about a dozen bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and also used the Sanative Wash. Since then I have used them whenever I felt sick. Your remedies are the only doctor I employ. You are at liberty to publish this letter."—Mrs. W. STEPHENSON, Independence, Oregon.

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His Life Story. "Excuse me, sir," said the seedy one in the hotel lobby, "but though a stranger to me, your face seems familiar. Have you any relatives in Atlanta?"

"Not one," was the reply. "Years ago I floated down the Chattahoochee river on a raft, leaving all my relatives behind. The raft was wrecked in a storm and I had to swim ashore, with a 40-pound catfish in tow. I traded the fish for a week's board, put an 'ad' in the 'Lost' column, recovered my wrecked raft and started a lumber yard. You can get a doubleheader of near-beer at the bar on the left; here's the price."—Atlanta Constitution.

In Chicago. Mrs. Wabash—I see eggs laid by a New Zealand lizard require 14 months to hatch.

Mrs. Dearborn—The idea! We ought to boycott those eggs, too!

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