

FOR WRECKED BOATS.

AN IMPROVED LIFE RAFT FOR VESSELS IN DISTRESS AT SEA.

At Present There Does Not Seem to Be Any Lifeboat That Answers All the Requirements of a Ship About to Founder.

In the many methods adopted to prevent loss of life at sea the use of lifeboats... Life rafts has not yet proved very successful...

In a moderate heavy sea it would be a difficult undertaking to lower them successfully from the davits, and almost an impossibility to land the passengers in them if once floated.

A life raft has been invented at the Kittery navy yard, in Maine, which is designed to surmount all these difficulties...

The raft consists of two long floats made of fabric bronze about the size and shape of cunes. These floats are fastened together by metallic bands...

A sudden collision which might break into the water tight floats would be the only way to swamp these improved rafts.

When the storm was not raging the mast and sail could be put up and the lifeboat would make fair time in almost any direction...

The improved life raft is not perfect in every sense of the word yet, for its weight and cost make it impractical for many of the ocean steamers to carry them.

So light and buoyant are these metal rafts that they can be hoisted on the deck of a vessel, and when they are stowed away without occupying much more room than the old fashioned lifeboat...

The question of launching the rafts and then of landing the passengers on them has been considerably discussed.

To Take Out Ink Quickly. Clerks and others who write in their shirt sleeves are often annoyed by getting their immaculate linen stained.

Hard Place to Fill. New Nurse—Pleaso, mum, I can't do a thing with the baby. He cries all the time.

A Luxury in India.

Pawn (properly pān) is a luxury much esteemed by the natives of India. It consists of the fresh leaf of the betel vine (Piper betel), in which is placed a little red speck, betel nut and quicklime.

When the betel nut is chewed, the juice of the betel vine is mixed with it, and the mixture is eaten with its contents.

Long after there was any necessity for this betel arrangement it was kept up for the honor and glory of the thing, so to speak, because there was an air of luxury and costliness about these folds and lengths of silk or cloth which made people reluctant to part with them.

It must be admitted that if the modern British betel nut, on the whole, cleaner and possibly healthier, it is certainly less romantic.

The most interesting trait in our cat's character did not appear until he had been a week or so on board. Then he gave us a surprise.

How the Burglar was Reformed. When Uriah Heep was in the model prison, enjoying all the favors which the system of reformation in vogue there conferred upon its recipients, he imparted to a company of visitors the important information.

Recently housebreakers have been arrested in unusual numbers. The police force have hitherto received the credit of these hauls, but doubts may now arise whether it is not rather due to the work of the converted burglar, who blesses the day when his own invention led to his arrest.

Love's Laidorous Names. There is nothing funnier to the woman than the names a man calls her when he is in love.

Death in Their Work. Gliders, photographers and those who handle the hydric and potassic cyanides are liable to suffer from chronic poisoning by hydrocyanic acid.

A Valuable Addition to the Toilet. Many people now use as part of their toilet a spraying atomizer containing some harmless "antiseptic" solution.

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THE MODERN JULIET'S BED.

Much Less Romantic than the Old One, but Cleaner and More Comfortable. Next to chairs and tables, beds are about the most important articles of domestic furniture.

The European type of bed seems to have got itself fixed at a comparatively early date, and it did not change very late. The theory apparently was to make the bed a sort of tent or fortification against the winds of heaven.

Long after there was any necessity for this tentlike arrangement it was kept up for the honor and glory of the thing, so to speak, because there was an air of luxury and costliness about these folds and lengths of silk or cloth which made people reluctant to part with them.

It is a doubly melancholy reflection for the collector of these days that in the earlier portion of the present century these delightful objects could be purchased at a price so low.

Lincoln's Ghost Near Home. Near the graveyard where Lincoln's father and stepmother rest, seven miles south of Charleston, Ill., in a place then called Goose Nest, the Lincoln family had their final settlement.

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Advertisement for Nervous Prostration by N. A. Hulbert's City Music Store, featuring a large illustration of a man's face.

Advertisement for Bovine, The Original Raw Food, by Dexter Shoe Co., featuring a large illustration of a cow's head.

Advertisement for Music Powder Co., featuring a large illustration of a powder container.

Advertisement for Orange Gun Powder, featuring a large illustration of a gun barrel.

Advertisement for P.P.P. (Prickly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium) for various ailments like Pimples, Blotches, and Old Sores.

Advertisement for Lippman Bros. featuring a large illustration of a man's face and text about their products.

Advertisement for Trolley Soap, featuring a large illustration of a soap box and text about its benefits.

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