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# SEYUND PUNY MAN WELLER IN TEAMS SINGAPORE TO HAVE TAXIS

Is l'elpless.

Fact Made Manifest by the Indifference Which He Goes About His Business After the Disasters Have Passed.

Under no circumstances does man show to less adventage than when a volcano sends forth its torrents. As figure of speech, man may consider himself to be a puny creature, but his working opinion of himself is by no-means so small. In Java the earth groaned, and 15,600 people were wiped out of existence like so many anti-Perhaps only 10,000 were killed; perhaps it was 20,000. No one will ever know; no one will ever be concerned in the matter beyond the desire to arrive at a reasonable guess as to the loss of life. It will always be a vague question, to be discussed in round numbers. The Javanese who perishe were indeed puny creatures, whose memory will be nothing more than a

mathematical approximation. As far back as man has a history there are details of volcanic eruption to testify to the haphazard, unwork manlike fashion in which this world of ours was made. Pompell and Herculaneum are household words to peo ple who do not know where Vesuvius stands, but Stablae, which was in gulfed with them, seems to have escaped literary notice, Between Ve suvius and Pelee there are few who catastrophes that have suddenly over whelmed thousands of human beings Messina still lingers vague in the pullic mind, and Pelee, by reason of its comparatively close proximity, can be recalled, although one must ordinarily consult books of reference to determine whether the loss of life was 30. 000 or 300,000. The Krakatoa erup-tion, which took place in 1883 on the Sunda sea not far from the Kalut explosion, has been studied for years by scientists, but the fact that 30,000 persons were killed is an inconsequential detail. The Krakatoa explosion is not remembered because it caused 30,000 deaths, but because it occasioned some puzzling atmospheric phenomena. Sou friere, a neighbor of Mount Pelee, has a long record of disaster, in which the mortality figures are usually over looked. The fact that the explosion was heard in South America, while it was not heard at distances of 20 miles considered of much more impor tance. Soufriere, it may be recalled was in eruption at the same time as

haps for this reason it is never men Before the volcano man stands help less, and he recognizes this fact by his indifference. He buries his dead and goes about his business. As in the case of the Messina disaster, he only waits for the ground to cool, when he goes to work imperturbably raising his In the meantime he tries to gratify his taste for information by studying vol canoes, but without any hope of being able to protect himself.

Mount Pelee, but on this occasion it

killed less than 1,500 persons. Per

The names of the early dukes of Normandy, as well as their family history, are known but very dimly be so, for their descent does not seen to have been as orthodox as it might Be that as it may, the dukes appear in such reliable annals of their as we possess, under their Christian names only.

Thus, William I of England (Wil tiam II of Normandy) was the lilegiti mate son of his predescessor. Roberthe Devil. and of a young woman of Falaise, a tanner's daughter named Arletta, or (as some say) Herieva The birth records of Robert's prede cessors, Richard the Good, Richard the Fearless and William Long-Sword were equally smirched; and of the parentage of Raoul or Rolla (christ ened "Robert"), the first duke of Nor mandy of whom we have any historical knowledge, we have no data what

Neat Picture Framing.

If you do your own picture framing first of all be sure that the glass is immaculately clean next to the pic Then next to the picture lay plece of paper, then a layer of card board, and weight it while you drive in the tiny nails to the sides of the frame. The frame should be laid on something soft while this is being done, and against something bard while the nails are driven in. When the picture is placed, paste a piece of heavy paper over the back of the enhold the picture wire or cord. tures are always hung, now, flat on

Pine Stumps Worth Millions. Norway pine stumps obstructing ag-ricultural development in northern Minnesota potentially are worth about \$300 000,000, according to the state

"Distillation of pine stumps is a problem of recent development," he said. "It is done to secure various ingredients of great compercial value Experiments have proven pine stumps on cut-over northern Mir nesota lands are exceptionally rich in rosins and adapted to the manufacture of turpen tine, pine tar, pine creosote, pine oli and similar products. A company is being formed to establish a plant in the northern part of the state."

Before Volcanic E-uptions Ha Meeping of Real Value in the Life of Ma king.

> rovision of Nature to Calleve the Grief-Centers of Their Sensibility and Fit Nervous Organization

to Endure Sorrow German statesmen have shed tears ver the hard term; of peace imposed

non them by the affles.

It would not be necessary for one a be hopelessly cynical to be remind-drby this lacident of the legendary eurs of the crocodile; though indeed sympathetic spirit might be inclined o rejoice in the spectacle of such ceping, for Germany's own good; sayng with the poet: "She must weep.

There are few physical functions ore familiar than the shedding of ers, and there is probably none more implex and inscrutable; none more engely mingling spirituality and ence. From the material point of w tears are nothing but an excrein of salt water from glands of the es. They consist normally of the rest of water with a small admixture common salt, or chloride of sod um ch as exists in the blood. In some entain other chemicals. Thus one Tering from posoning with salts antimony may shed tears containthat chemical, so that tears them-ives are poisonous; and diabetic paents sled tears containing sugar.
From another point of view tears

re manifestations of emotion and al-eys spring from the heart. That is say one does not weep because of e mental processes of the brain but rause of the feelings of the heart, mored up for an ins'ncere purpose y are produced by the brain's workback to the heart and ma'ing an peal to its emotion. An emiront acwhen asked how he was able to d real tears at will replied that he d so by calling to rememberace his ther who was dead and whom he

eatly loved.
It is to be noticed, too, that the ervous excitation which results in so much by actual pain. "In the days fore the use of anesthetics," says a eat surgical authority. "I have had iffents who were undergoing operaons faint; I have heard them cry out d scream until they made the anders sick and pale, but rarely if ver have they shed tears."

Again, it is observed that tears are much value to the life of mankind. hat value is not merely in the cect at their flow gives relief, but still re in the indication that the griefnters are being reprieved of their neibility and that the pervous organetion is being fitted to endure so w with fortitude "As a rule," savs reat cuthority, "the escape and fr

be of terrs relieves the heart and the tody the shock of grief," It is obviously well, then, that Gert to exult in her suffering, but rathto rejoice in her relief from it. The fering is inevitable as fate. It is oll that she shall be saved from the treme shock of it through recourse tears; for, to quete the poet again must weep or she will die."-New ork Herafd.

Town Made Famous by Oysters. The oys er season at Colchester. ng'and, was opened with qua'nt cere enies. The mayor and corporation edger and the mayor made the first and of eysters. The mayor and coreration then consumed gin and gin-cer-bread—a custom which has presince the fishery was first pened under royal charter in the m o. Richard I. A telegram exressing dutiful devotion was sent to he king at a luncheon afterwards on Poewit island. The early Saxons so appreclated the Colchester fishery that ev took three oyster knives for their rms, and this device still forms the rms of the county of Essex. The chester ushery lost all their coninental customers during the war, but the British public consumed all that they could supply. They had most successful seasons, and were able to give 40,000 eysters to military hos-

In the Earth's Interior. From the evidence available, R. D. Oldham traces three divisions in the earth's interior. The solid outer crust with a thickness of 1/2 to 1 per cent o radius (or 20 to 40 miles), has high permanent rigidity, but from unknown causes has been subject to deformations, with displacements of is much as 10 miles vertically and 100 horizontally. The next section. bout half the radius in thickness, has high rigidity for such stresses as tidal action with low rigidity for long-confinued stress. The central nucleus has low rigidity. The conclusions relating to the two inner divisions are drawn from records of earthquake

A Green Clerk, "This lady is looking for rugs. She ays Axminster." "I'll ask him if I can find him, but

"Pop. what are tabricated yessels?"
"I think they are the kind your Un

of Herry took his remarkable you

ar Enstern C ty Will Abandon the Rickshaw, Lene Used as Method of Transportation.

According to advices from Consul General Edw n N. Gonzales at Suga-pore, that city is to have an inter-ad-transportation system of thoroughly

Wether American automobile m afacturers will secure the order for these motors is problematical, but the most significant part of the news is that it marks a further development the use of modern methods in the far East.

For several years in Singapore here has been a most consistent and vigorous agration against the insti-tution of the well-known rickshaws. Mest of this agitation came from the ongue and pen of the educated Chi-nese, who uninta'n that the system of from the standpoint of the degrading influence which it has in the ladivid-uals as well as the harm it is claimed o work upon the coolles.

Distances are great in most fat Eastern cities and while the rickshaw makes transportation densonably con venient and comforte to the rickshaw most certainly is a primitive vehicle and doomed to early abundonment because of the rapid adan ce now be ing made in the 'ndustrial and social life of the far East.

The new company to operate in Singapore is to be objectely known as the Singapore Motor Taxicab and Transport company 1.d. and will have capital of \$350,000. The initial equipment will be unde up of 4 landaulet taxleabs, five one ton trucks and five three-quarter ton trucks. Singapore has a population of 300,000.

### HIGH PRICES FOR DIAMONDS Value of the Highly Desired Sparklers

Has Been Soaring to Unheard-of Heights. The economic situation of the world

at large is said by jewelers to be more responsible for the present high prices of diamonds than any chortage of diamonds in the South African nines or any manipulation of the output by the De Beers Diamond com

The following figures concerning dia nond prices were obtained from Antwere, the European center of the dis mend nurket: An ancat dismond be-fore the war cost \$23 a carat and \$32 after cutting. Immediately after the declaration of war, the price slumped in 1915 the Germans began to get acryons regarding the value of paper noney and started buying all the dia monds they could find.

France Switzerland, Italy and Eng land followed su't and the price wer an rapidly. On the eye of the armis eerth \$70. Since the war ended the the depreciation of European money the difficulty of exchange and the em argo on the export of currency from ne European cat' a to another. To lay a capat of up ut stone finds a my market at \$1.0.

"he Auty erp merchants no lenger cet customers. T e market is swamp d with Luvers. Credit is no longer over frequently resells and the new or her resells again at fat t ins the price beens going up Large hes are snapped up at unheard of

The Kairer's Kitchen. In what is destined to be the last ince of its travels the field kitchen f William Hohenzollern, which had followed the former Kniser in all his venderings about Europe during the war, is on its way to the United States. As if to give the changing of ands a more sign'ficant aspect. Ger man prisoners of wer were requis tioned to load the field kitch n-with ill its elaborate accessories -abear the westbound transport at St. Nashows no sign of the wear and tear of war, indicating a certain remotene o the battle front of all connected ith the once imperial suite. rephy, it is intended, shall be added the American capital; whether it is y the former kaiser is, of course, anther matter,

Dreadful Threat. "Late again!" cried the irate movng picture director to the members f his company. "Do you actors think that you can stroll into the studio at half-past ten every morning and ger tway with it? This isn't a national ank. But, by humphrey, I'll get even vith you! Tomorrow we start filming Alpine drama with the fog and loud effects. Report at the old quarry at 4:30 a.m. You are all going to be shot at sunrise every morning for a week." Being shot at sunrise is harder hardship for a movie actor then it is for a prisoner of war.-Film

Knew Scarething About Mothers. Ralph went to visit a neighbor' boy. While there another boy came to play also; but he was some thing of a telly and Ralph did not like him. When he reached home he told his mother some of the mean things the by had said and done. "He was I'm new around here."-Louisville o d'agreeable l'am sure nobody could ike him," as said. Then after a moment's montation he looked up into her face and added: "I suppose. though his mother loves him, no matter bon ba! he is,"

### FAMILY MARKED BY ODDITY

London Newspaper Tells of Strange Fate That Pursued Group Both in Life and Death.

There lived at Ipswich in the reign of William III a family known as the "odd family," a most appropriate London Answers states:

Every event, good, bad or indifferent, came to that family in an odd year or an odd day of the month, and every person was odd in manner or behavior or appearance. Even the letters of their Christian names always amounted to an odd number.

The father and mother were Peter and Rahab; their seven children (all boys) bore the names of David, Ezekiel, James, Jonas, Matthew, Roger and Solomon. The husband possessed only one leg and his wife only one erm; Solomon was blind in his left eye and Roger lost his right in an accident; James had his left ear torn off in a quarrel. Matthew's teft hand had but three fingers.

Jonas had a stump foot, David was humpbacked and Ezekiel was 6 feet 2 inches at the age of nineteen. Every one of the children had red hair, notwithstanding the fact that the father's hair was jet black and the mother's

Strange at birth, all died as strangely.

The father fell into a deep sawpit and was killed, the wife died five days after from starvation. Ezekiel enlisted, was wonnded in 23 places, but recovered. Roger, James, Jonas, David and Matthew died in 1713 in six difmon and Ezekiel were drowned in the

## RECALL LEGENDS OF HAWAII

Two Ido's, Recently Unearthed, Bring to Memory Folklore Tales Almost Lost to Memory.

Of the two old Hawalian idols lately found concealed in the earth at Hook-aupu, Paukukalo, one, a female idol. is n a fairly good state of preservation. The idol is supposed to be that of Kl-hawahine, the Undine of Maul myths. Her haunts are the springs at Pauku kalo, the Kauaha pond, and the matchless pools in the wooded glens around Pilholo, Makawao.

The legends about her compare with those of the German fairy folklore, and around the charms of her person as she sits combing her wealth of golden tresses at the edge of some bathing pool is woven many a halfforgotten Mauri folk tale. In some of the latest ones she is

eputed to have lured two haoles at different times on a merry chase only to see her disappear in one or another he deep, clear-water pools among he wooded glens of Pilholo. One, a octor, ended his aimless wanderings to her glenwood baunts by becoming a paralytic, the other, a woodcutter, never censed to describe the charms of "wonderful woman with the golden halr." always able to clude his embrace, but ever beckoning him on to her lair among the vines and trees and pools and crags of the glens about Pilhoto -- Walluku (H. I.) Times.

The Cynical Actress.

. The late Oscar Hammerstein be-fleved that the actresses should lead pare life.

"Cynical, disillusioned actresses are "I remember an actress of mine some years ago who fell down hadly in a part I'd given her.

"Look here.' I said the morning after she fell down, 'all the critics say year don't show half enough emotion in the scene where your husband leaves you never to return.

"The cynical, distillusioned creature "'Oh. I don't don't I?' she sneered.

Well, look here, Mr. Hammerstein, I've had six husbands leave me never to return, and I guess I know how much emotion ought to be shown in such circumstances as well as anybody."

### Safe Light for Miners

Nowadays the up-to-date miner car ries a package of electricity about with him while underground. It is a small storage battery attached to the back of his belt, and is connected by a cord with a lamp fastened to the front of his cap. The lamp, provided with a reflector, throws quite a flood of light in front of the miner. But its chief advantage is absolute safety. In olden days miners (who must, course, have light) carried about with them open-flame 'amps. These caused rable disastrous accidents through ignition of coal dust or gases. Sir Humphry Davy's invention of a safety lamp whose flame was protected by a wire gauze saved an immense number of lives. It is in common use today, but the electric mine lamp is

Death Took Old and Young. During the war the London either wittingly or unwittingly, published innumerable items about very old men and women in the British empire who were dying off. Their great age, their longevity, formed a me ancholy contrast to the slaughter of youth then going on in Europe. Dur-ing six months in 1918, 312 persons over one hundred years old died in the British isles, but the figures of young men who fell during that time before the guns of the enemy and who died with influenza mounted toward a mithon. Not one of the old, be it said

### KIDDIES NOW MAKING MONEY AND SAVING IT

Accieties in Maryland Schools Report ing Great Activity.-Treasury Dopartment of United States Receives Splendid Support.

Making money and saving it is be coming no less popular among Maryland school children than among grown-ups. More popular, perhaps than the time honored study of reading, writing and arithmetic is the new study of thrift which is being incorpe rated into the regular work of the schools. The subject is taught in connection with the "Text Books of Thrift" which are sent without charge to any teacher desiring them by the War Loan organization of the Fifth Federal Reserve District.

Judging by reports, the school child-ren of Maryland are going the teaching of thrift one better. Already a great many savings societies have been organized in the schools of this state, and the pupils here and all ever the district as well are busy devising ways of earning money in order that it may be wisely invested in Thrift Stamps and, War Savings

In one of the schools in this district there is a youngster who has haid the foundation of a prosperous career by plowing and by selling vegetables. When all the work was done the lad counted the money he had put in the bank. He found that it amounted to just twenty-five dollars. Many of the world's richest men began life with

less than twenty-five dollars. But

they saved their money and invested it wisely, thus assuring success. In one of the 3-A grades, so a teacher reports, one of the girls has earned ne less than twenty dellars by helping around the house, while members of a savings society that fleurishes in a 1-A grade have made about twentydollars doing such odd jobs as

feeding the chickens, tying tobacce

and chopping grass. Several boys who are members of savings societies which are particular-ly active have bought clothes with money they earned in similar ways. One little fellow did se well helping his father that he was paid te dollars. As he received the meney he bought Thrift Stamps, showing that he already knew how to save and invest what he made.

### Books Help Saving. Popular among these small invest

ors are the Penny and Nickel savings Books issued to all school pupils desir ing them. In the days when the price of even a Thrift Stamp may be too huge to be pald all at once, and when one just must buy an occasional allday sucker er a cent-apiece bite of candy, lots of the youngsters find it wise to save a penny or a nickel at a time. The coin is deposited with the teacher for safe keeping, and she much the child has put in his account. When the total is large enough, M goes into the purchase of a Thrift

Filing up money of your own to a great game, played in this fashion, and a game that is daily growing in favor in Maryland schools

PILE UP YOUR DOLLARS SO THAT NO ONE CAN KNOCK THEM DOWN.

Many a tired lad has slipped his coat on when the whistle blew and said derisively: "Another day, another dollar. A million days, a millionaire." He has said a mouthful in bitter jest and without knowing it For the dollars do pile up if the stack is not knacked ever

Some financial sharpshooter is al-ways gunning for your dollars. They pick them off at a mile like An nie Oakley eracking clay pipes in a sheeting gallery. But if you put some of your dollars under cover before any one can draw a bead on them, leave a slim score for ta- profiteer and the grafter.

The safest protection from those sharpshooters is War Savings Stamps bought every pay-day. If you give them your whole bank roll to shoot at they will hit it for a perfect score Make them waste a little ammuni-

War Savings Stamps are absolutely They pay a high rate of interest and you can get your money IN FULL when you need it. When they pile up, nobody can knock the stack

### PROVERBS.

Seest thou a man dilligent in his business, he shall not stand before kings, he shall not stand mean men. Prov. 22:29. It is the moral support of capital back of him that gives the diligent man dignity in the presence of the king. Buy

The sluggard will not plow by reaon of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing. 20:4. The alive man plows un der hardship feasts in harvest and saves surplus, until he comes to a day when he may sleep late of a showy morning. Buy W. S. S.

## CLING TO BELIEFS

Few People Today Are Without Pet Superstitions.

Although Not Carried to Extremes That Have Marred the Pages of History in the Past, They Are Still With Us.

We constantly hear it said that "this is the twentieth century; superstition and all that sort of thing died out long. the country without his pet belief-that misfortune follows stooping over a baby or spilling salt, or that a black cat brings good luck, for example, Hence, too, the universal practice of

wearing mascots "for luck." These, however, are not very serlous beliefs, being merely personal fads. Superstition of a deeper rooted and more unpleasant type is still common in the more backward rural areas, however. Only a few weeks ago an old dame in the Fen country was boy-cotted by the whole countryside because she had the reputation of being a witch and of throwing spells over people's children, stock and crops. No one would go near her or let her have food or clothing, and she nearly starved to death.

The cold, legal atmosphere of the courts would be thought unfavorable to belief in witchcraft, and yet a farmer-by no means an ignorant manstood up the other day in Norfolk court and informed the beach that someone had bewitched his cows. He cured the evil spell by thrusting a red hot poker into his churn, when the evil spirit vanished in a bright flatae.

Years ago any old crone who was cross grained with the neighbors stood a good chance of being tried (and burnt) for witchcraft, and cases are even known where animals were solenally brought into court and tried on

similar charge. A tough old cock at Basle, in Switzerland, was accused of taying eggsmost serious offense, as such eggs ere used only for making witches' ntment. The unhappy bird was haled efore the justices, and one of the eggs produced as proof of guilt. In he face of such evidence the rooster's use was hopeless. He was convicted und he and his miraculous eggs solemnly burnt, at the stake in the town

quare. A sow and six young pigs were necused of witchcraft towards a child, and were brought, protesting loudly before the "beak." Amid great sensation, the sow was found guilty and publicly executed, but the porkers were acquitted on the ground of extrepe youth. As late as 1740, a cow was accused of possessing a "devil," and after a long hearing, was found guilty and condemned to death. "Rats and mice and such small deer," have been summoned on numerous sions, but almost invariably failed to

put in an appearance at court. In the fifteenth century, the peasants of a village in the south of France took legal proceedings against a plague of locusts which trespassed on their fields and devoured their erops. As the case was still being fought nearly half a century later, the modern gardener can sympathize with ably prefer the more up-to-date appli-

cation of lime or mustard. Another action was brought against a pest of leeches swarming in the ponds and streams of another country district of France. The judge issued a decree against the leeches trespassing further on the disputed territories, but history is silent as to whether the injunction was obeyed or ignored, with resultant punishment for con-

Animals have even been admitted as witnesses in the courts. It used to be considered no offense to kill a burglar trying to break into a house. There trose the difficulty that one man living alone might ask another to his house, and then murder him, pretending that he was a robber. To get over this, it was decided that any domestic animal, such as a cat or a dog, present at the time might bear witness. If the animal on being questioned, satisfied the court that his master had acted in good faith, the killing was held to be justified. There are not many instances of acquittal.

Japanese Glass Industry Grows.

Though encouraged by the government in 1876 by the establishment of a model glass factory, transferred ten years later to private ownership, the glass industry of Japan was only fair ly prosperous until the outbreak of the recent European war, at which time, due to the shutting off of supplies from France, Belgium and Germany, the manufacture of glass received such a stimulus that it now bids fair to compete with the ladustry in other countries. Before 1914 practically all the window glass used in Japan was imported, but this branch of the in dustry is receiving special attention and in 1918 its product to the value of \$1,756,000 was exported.

Boxing Day in England.

Boxing day is little known in Amer-ica, but its observance is general in Great Britain. It is the day after Christmas day, and is observed as a holiday, Christmas being reserved for religious observation. A feature of the day is the giving of gifts by employers to employees. These are called Christmas toxes. .