Things Queer and Curious

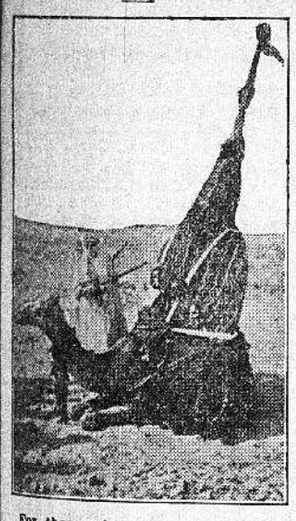
Bringing the "Dead" to Life

The lives of many asphyxiated persons have been saved in Chicago and elsewhere by the use of a device known as the pulmotor. This photograph shows the pulmotor restoring to life a man who has apparently ceased to breathe, having been overcome by poisonous gases. The noxious gases are drawn out through one tube of the apparatus and oxygen is forced into the lungs through the other.

EAGLE BEHEADS RARE BIRD

An American eagle, confined in the aviary at Columbian Park, Lafayette, Ind., deliberately killed a Mexican blue quail, one of a pair which had just been brought to the park, from New Mexico. The Mexican blue quail is a rare fowl and this pair had been captured after a six months' search. There was no suitable place for them at the park aviary and they were placed in an empty compartment of the big cage in which the eagles and owls are kept. There is a stout wire netting between the two compartments and wooden strips are nailed around the bottom. One of the big eagles hopped close to the wire netting and found a hole through the wooden strip. He reached through, seized one of the quails and pulled its head from its body.

TRAVELING ON THE CAMEL



For those who are accustomed to its peculiar gait, the camel is a not uncomfortable traveling dwelling place when fitted up with a tent-like structure on its back, such as is shown in this illustration.

SWISS SOLD WIFE FOR $4

At the village of Utzmach, near St. Gall, Switzerland, a woman was "sold" recently, with her consent, to another man by her husband. The buyer, an Italian and friend of the Swiss couple, thought he was "legalizing" the sale by procuring two witnesses and having the contract written on stamped government paper. The Italian told his Swiss friend that he wanted a wife and the Swiss promptly offered to sell him his own wife at a bargain price, which was then discussed and fixed at 18s.

THAWED SNAKE BIT HIM

While standing on two hot bricks on the ice of a dam at Allentown, Pa., George Rodenhauer was bitten by a water snake, which had been frozen in the ice, and which was thawed out as the bricks caused the ice to melt. There was a panic among the ice cutters and it was with difficulty that they could be persuaded to go back to work.

HEN HAS ONLY ONE WING

A hen with only one wing was one of the freak attractions at a poultry show in Pendleton, Ore. She is the property of J. E. Duke, a prominent local breeder, and in all her life has never had any indication of a wing on her right side. When placed on the ground with the wingless side down she lies perfectly helpless.

USES OF FINGER PRINTS

In the Angentine Republic the identification cards of policemen, coachmen, cab drivers, commissionaires and servants have, since 1896, borne their finger-prints. Upon all passports and bank receipts for deposits the imprint of the thumb must be made at the time of delivery. In Roumania, since 1903, the thumb-print has been substituted for the cross made instead of signature by persons who cannot write. In the Philippine islands those who cannot write are not obliged to be identified by witnesses at savings banks, but merely have to make their mark with their thumb. The same system has been used in the banks of Bengal for fifty years. In France, to put an end to the fraud of enlistment, desertion and re-enlistment for the bounty paid in the Foreign Legion, every man's finger prints are taken and kept on file.

BEETLES GROW MUSHROOMS

Scientists have known of mushroom growing ants for a long time, and it was generally believed that the ant was the only insect possessing sufficient intelligence to make a successful mushroom farmer. Prof. J. Bouverie, the French entomologist, has found that a certain wood boring beetle known as the Bostrychide is as familiar with mushroom cultivation for home consumption as the ant. Professor Bouverie discovered that the beetles bore holes in wood and half fill them with a prepared fungus, which makes an ideal mushroom bed. The garden is carefully spawned and tended, and in course of time the mushrooms appear. In this way the beetle provides itself with a food sufficiently tender for its feeble jaws.

THEY LIVE LIKE APES

As a model example of an absolutely primitive race of people, Prof. W. Volzs, of Breslau university, has brought to notice the Kubus, who are completely isolated in the forest interior of Sumatra. They share the life and habits of the apes living in the same forest. They do not seem to have advanced even to the hunting stage of development, and are not known to have any ideas on religion, even the most primitive.

BIG RETURN FROM DOLLAR

For a dollar given to a stranger eight years ago Joseph Clair, a Philadelphia druggist, may receive an estate of over $125,000. Eight years ago a man who was evidently suffering from the effects of the night before came into the drug store and told Clair that he was up against it, had spent his last cent and needed enough to get a bite to eat. He asked for a quarter.

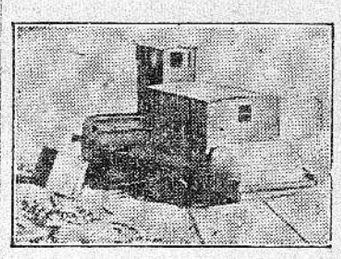
After a short talk Clair gave the man a dollar and the stranger departed with the remark: "You'll never regret this, young man. It will be richly repaid."

Clair forgot the incident. Five years ago the man again came into the store and recalling the dollar loan made the druggist a present of a handsome gold-headed cane. Clair did not forget the matter so quickly then, but he was thoroughly surprised a few days ago when he received a letter from a firm of lawyers in Rockdale, Wyo., saying that Joseph Waters, a wealthy rancher near that city, had left his entire property, valued at over $125,000, to him.

TRAVELER'S MISTAKE

Will Chinese customs and traditions change with the new regime? If they do travel in the Celestial empire will be deprived of much of its pleasures, which are sometimes attended with excitement, not to say danger. Two Englishmen traveling in Ning-Po on a visit to a Chinese official during the autumn had, to say the least, a diverting time. They were being carried in sedan chairs, and feeling the atmosphere oppressive asked the bearers to give them a little fresh air by opening the roof. The men met the request with stolid indifference, so the travelers decided to open the roof themselves. As they approached the city they found that they were the objects of considerable attention. A crowd of 500 surrounded the chairs, and soon it increased to 2,000, the people uttering menacing cries. Happily nothing worse happened. When they reached their destination their host received them with astonishment. "Good gracious," said he, "what have you done! Only condemned criminals here travel in an open chair!"

FREAKISH AMERICAN BOAT

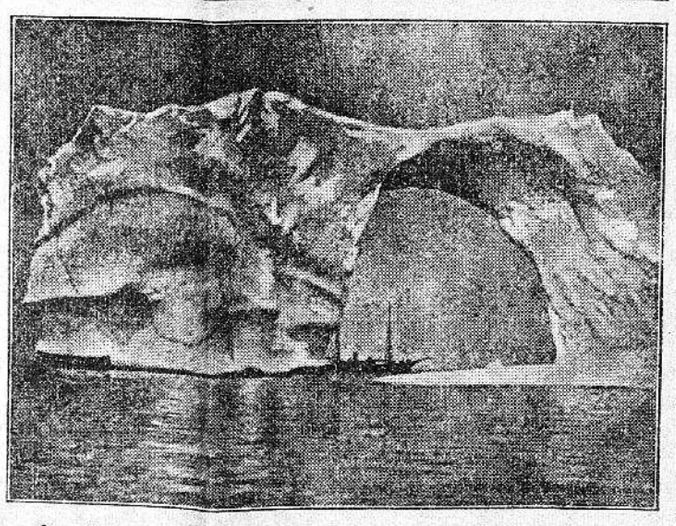


This photograph depicts one of the most curious boats that has ever ridden the waters. It is the invention of a retired captain of the American navy, who claims that it possesses all sorts of remarkable advantages over the ordinary screw-propelled vessel. The boat suggests a steam-roller or a couple of tool-sheds and a pair of garden-rollers, and although it presents a somewhat ungainly picture it does effectually what is claimed for it.

SIXTEENTH CENTURY HOUSE

Hidden by brickwork for over 200 years, the remains of a sixteenth century timber building has been disclosed during the recent work of reconstruction of Goodrich House, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England. A large number of silver and copper coins, dating from the time of Charles II. to George II., have also been found. The property was originally a portion of the Manor of Hatfield, and was sold in 1792 by the first Marquess of Salisbury to the Hart family, from the executors of which family it was purchased last year by M. Speaight.

Frozen Arch of Labrador



One of the sights of the winter, seen, however, by few persons, was a monster iceberg outside Battle Harbor, Labrador. It was in the form of an arch, and its size may be judged from the government patrol steamer which in the photograph is seen at the back of it. Over two-thirds of the iceberg is under water.

WHAT A WOMAN CAN AND DID DO

Mrs. Hennessee, of McMinnville, Tells How She Succeeded in Spite of Many Discouragements.

McMinnville, Tenn.—Mrs. Lucy Hennessee, of this place, says, "I suffered, about six years, more or less, with womanly troubles. My head hurt so terribly that I could get no sleep.

My husband had no faith in it, but I commenced using Cardui, according to directions, and now he is thoroughly convinced that Cardui is doing me more good than all the doctors.

Before I had used all of one bottle of that wonderful medicine, I had commenced to improve. Now, I feel like a different woman.

The misery is all gone, and I have a good appetite and feel greatly improved in every respect.

It will certainly benefit others, as it has me, and I am glad to know that such a remedy is within the reach of every suffering woman."

If you suffer from any form of womanly weakness or irregularity, try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It helps nature to perform a cure in a natural, easy way.

The ingredients used in Cardui are mild herbs, which have a gentle, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

It builds up the strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks fresh and rosy.

If you are a woman, try it.

N. B.—Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

What Is In a Name?

A Chicago man who hardly knew one tune from another made the mistake of taking a knowing woman to a concert at Orchestra hall. The selections were apparently familiar to him, but when the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn was being played he began to evince some interest.

"That sounds familiar," he said. "I am not strong on these classical things, but that's a good one. What is it?"

"That," gravely replied the woman, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"

Summer Wear.

Patrick worked for a notoriously stingy boss and lost no chance to let the fact be known. Once a waggish friend, wishing to twit him, remarked:

"Pat, I hear your boss just gave you a brand-new suit of clothes."

"No," said Pat, "only par-rt of a suit."

"What part?"

"The sleeves iv the vest!"

Summing It Up.

"Was the charity ball a success?"

"Oh, yes, indeed. They say the gowns must have cost a half million at least."

"And how much was raised for charity?"

"Why nearly $700. Wasn't that fine?"

Parlez-Vous Francais?

He—Does she speak French at all?

She—Well, yes; but only enough to make herself unintelligible.—Judge.

Some men give a dollar with one hand and grab two with the other.

A woman seldom eats if there is anything else for her to do.

Bad luck is often but another name for poor management.

ARTEMUS OUTDONE.

"Who says there are no women humorists?"

"I don't know. Why?"

"My typewriter spells as funnily as Artemus Ward in his palmiest days."

No Wonder She Blushed.

Two of the University of Pennsylvania track runners passed a learned and preoccupied professor showing a young woman visitor through the "Gardens."

With a dainty shiver, the girl remarked:

"It's dreadfully cold—isn't it—to be without stockings?"

The professor's mind turned for a moment from contemplation of the fourth dimension.

"Then why did you leave them off?" he asked.—Lippincott's Magazine.

They Should.

"My parents used to threaten to beat some sense into my head."

"Those idle threats that parents never carry out should be discouraged in every way possible."

Small Encouragement.

Kate—They say a woman is as old as she looks.

Maud—Never mind, dear; we all know you are only twenty-six."

Same Thing.

"I hear that firm's going under."

"Yes, they're going up."

Some people love to tell the truth—when they think it will hurt.

Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave.—Ruskin.

In every action, reflect upon the end, and in your undertaking it consider why you do it.—Jeremy Taylor.

No, Alonzo, a girl isn't necessarily an angel because she is a high flyer.

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Guess What.

Tom—Yes, Miss Roxley and I are strangers now. I've ben asked not to call there again.

Jack—I'll bet old Roxley had a hand in that.

Tom—Well-er not a hand exactly.

Virtue may be its own reward, but the reward isn't always legal tender at the corner grocery.

If you intend to do a mean thing, wait till tomorrow; but if you are going to a noble thing, do it now.

A sermon is either based on a text or a pretext.