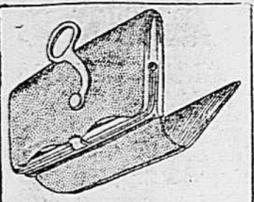


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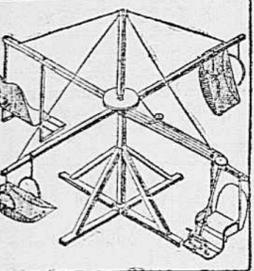
Some New Inventions Which are Worth Knowing About.



SAFETY ATTACHMENT FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

William Erk, of Philadelphia, Pa., has obtained a patent on the pocketbook attachment, illustrated below, which serves to prevent the purse from being easily snatched from the hand.

New Nursery Carrousel. If the invention shown in this illustration does not serve to give the children many hours of thorough enjoyment, then we miss our guess.



"DOMESTIC" MERRY-GO-ROUND.

and his intention is to have one of the older children propel the carrousel, by means of pedals located as shown.

Back Brace for Cotton-Pickers. When a small boy complains that his back aches, his elders are apt to remark that little boys do not have backs.

device is light in construction, and responds quickly to the different movements of the body, and does not produce an uncomfortable sensation when applied to or tend to heat the body.



APPLIANCE TO STRENGTHEN THE BACK.

upon relaxation, or when the wearer of the brace assumes an erect position.

Adjustable Bicycle Umbrella. Here is an umbrella-holder which will protect the cyclist while walking beside the wheel as well as when mounted.

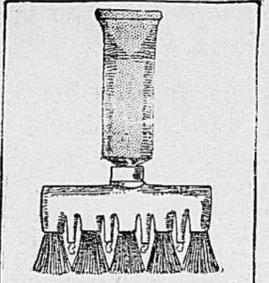


UMBRELLA SUPPORT FOR BICYCLE.

umbrella is not needed, the rod can be dropped into the tube and the shield folded up and secured to the frame in any convenient position.

Fountain Paste Brush. Below is shown a newly-patented brush, which is adapted to apply paste

or mucilage to surfaces without the necessity of dipping the brush in a receptacle at intervals, the main advantage

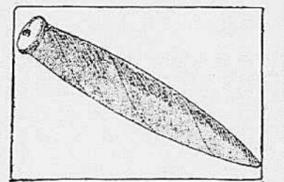


CONTINUOUS FEED DEVICE FOR BRUSHES.

of the invention being the evenness with which the paste can be spread. The rear portion of the handle is formed of a collapsible tube, or the supply may be obtained by attaching the end of the handle to a tube leading to a reservoir.

Combined Match and Cigar.

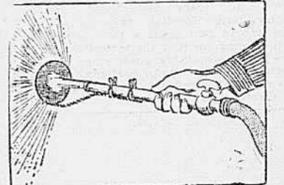
If the invention shown below were brought into common use, the request for a light would be heard less frequently, and the smoker would not be compelled to hunt through his pockets to find a match every time he wanted a smoke.



SELF-LIGHTING CIGAR.

ibility of being extinguished by wind. The ground-glass is fused by the heat from the two ingredients, and forms an air-proof cap, which prevents the fumes from tainting the cigar while burning.

Sprayer Attachment for Hose. With the invention shown in the accompanying illustration, a fine spray or mist can be obtained from an ordinary hose nozzle.



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CORNER TAYLOR TALKS ABOUT THOSE WHO GO INTO TRANCES Says No Remarkable Cases Are Ever Reported in Any of the Big Cities, but from Oshkosh and Lipskillet—He Also Pays His Respects to Undertakers.

Dr. William H. Taylor, the erstwhile wit and incidentally the coroner of the city of Richmond, sat near the window of his office last night with his feet upon his desk and the August breeze playing among his snow-white whiskers, talking about people who have been in a trance, the peculiarities of undertakers and the effects of the sun upon the muscles of his left leg.

"Now, you occasionally hear that a man has been in a trance four or five days; that the undertaker has prepared him for the other world, and that suddenly the old fellow sits up in his coffin. Why, nobody around here would believe such stuff. In the first place, don't you know if a man had been apparently dead for four or five days he would have been buried?"

"What has been your experience with persons in a trance?" the doctor was asked. "ONLY ONE SUSPICIOUS CASE. 'Never had any. Although I have celebrated the taking off of more than 5,000 mortals in my career as a professional man, I never had but one case brought to my attention in which there was the semblance of a suspicion that the person was not actually dead. That was in the case of an old mother-in-law who had passed in her chamber. She was religiously put in her coffin and shortly afterward some one noticed a moisture on the glass over the body, the moisture being on the inside. Members of the old lady's family thought this was evidence that she had not been dead, and they called in a doctor. I was called in to make an investigation of the matter."

"What did you find?" the doctor was asked. "Why, I found exactly what I expected—that the moisture was produced by the chlorids of lime that was in the soil. A funny and not a pathetic thing happened in this case," and here the chemist tugged at his bristly white moustache as though he would like to pull out a few dozen straws that he might make an analysis of their composition, or make for himself a shaving brush.

"Arrangements had been made to hold the funeral that afternoon," he continued, "and I suggested that as some of the family seemed to think the old lady might still be alive, they had better postpone the funeral. You would be better satisfied if you were to do this, I remarked, thinking I was saying something which would meet with the approval of all present. However, the son-in-law came up to me and asked if I thought there was any life in the body. I told him I thought there was not, but again suggested that the burial should be deferred, and I took my leave as gracefully as I could. Well, sir! I went back to that house the next morning, when by my astonishment I learned that they held that old lady's funeral three-quarters of an hour before the time set for it. When that son-in-law thought there was the slightest shadow of a prospect of a chance for his mother-in-law to return to life he would have none of it."

A SAFE PLAN. "Do you believe undertakers have any means of determining when a man is dead or only in a trance?" the ordinary layman, replied the jocosely chemist. "This undertaker crowd gives me more trouble than any other class. Because a man has ceased to breathe does not mean that his body is dead. Death is an absolute death, and comes with the stiffening of the limbs."

"Now, there is one thing that you can put down. The people who are growing old of late are people who are being buried alive. If any man wants to be absolutely certain that he is not going to be buried alive, just let him make arrangements with one of these modern undertakers to put him up and he's safe. They will place him beyond the power of resurrection."

ASBURY CHURCH BEING ERECTED. The Handsome Building Now Nearing Completion. GROWN FROM A MISSION. The Funds for the Building Have Been Raised, and it Will Be Dedicated Free from Debt—Brief History of the Church.

By a united effort which has been rewarded with unusual success, the little congregation of Asbury Methodist Church, Manchester, has raised sufficient funds to erect a new and handsome structure, which is now well under way, and if nothing unforeseen happens will be completed and ready for occupancy by the 15th of October.

This church was founded seven years ago by Rev. J. H. Busby, who started the work as a mission, from which time it has steadily grown until now it has a membership of nearly 200. During these years the church's growth has been rapid, and the congregation has been occupied as the place of worship. For a year or more, as the congregation has increased, the necessity of a new and more commodious structure has been long a matter, which had been discussed for so long a time, took definite form in an organized movement, in which each member was made to feel that a personal responsibility of the work in connection with the church, and with the result that funds desired were soon raised or arranged for, and work was begun.

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many friends. No English princess ever had so many books given her as so many small artistic presents. She had always been interested in the artists on the Isle of Wight, and they sent her a white morocco-bound album containing a water-color sketch from each. The women of Bristol gave her an elaborately-carved linen chest.

It is supposed no English princess ever received so much jewelry on her marriage as Princess Louise of Wales when she married the Duke of Edinburgh. Her value was estimated at \$750,000. She had a ruby brooch, a diamond necklace, a diamond bracelet from 112 girl friends, and seven diamond stars from a number of men friends.

When the Duke of York married Princess May, she had a brooch of diamonds, the Duke of Clarence, who died before the wedding, it seemed that the people of Great Britain vied in pouring jewels at her feet. The Queen gave a necklace and a pair of diamond earrings, and the women of England a diamond and pearl necklace and earrings. 1,000 people gave a pearl necklace, while the girls of Ireland and England gave a superb diamond and pearl tiara. Innumerable smaller, but no less lovely, gems were included in the list.

An Engagement Announced. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 18.—Mr. F. W. D. Conway has been elected by the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a delegate to the great Ecumenical Conference to be held in London in September, 1901. This is the highest honor that can be conferred on a lay member of the church, and Mr. Conway has the appointment under consideration.

The Steamer Lillie and Howard has been chartered for an excursion on Wednesday, August 22, from Coal Landing on the Potomac to Colonial Beach on the Stafford county and of this city.

The engagement of Miss Ethel Brown, of Newmarket county, to Mr. Wm. Mills of Wheaton, Lancaster county, is announced, the ceremony to take place in the early fall. Miss Brown is a grand-daughter of Judge Elisha Brown, of Newmarket, and of the late Judge Downing of the same county, and Mrs. Mills is a prominent business man.

MASONIC NOTES.

Hems of General Interest About the Fraternity. A new Masonic hall has been dedicated in Marcelline, Missouri. The corner-stone of the new Masonic temple in Lima, Ohio, was laid on July 15.

Annapolis Lodge, No. 33, Baltimore, Md., has purchased the colonial residence of Walter Dulany, and will remodel it for use as a temple. At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico it was announced that there were eleven lodges and 236 members under its jurisdiction.

Athens, Michigan, members of the craft are planning a new hall which will have a frontage of 45 feet and a depth of 50 feet, and will be constructed of field stone. Members of the craft in El Paso, Tex., have \$10,000 to invest in a Masonic temple. They will erect a three-story structure, if possible, and a two-story one, at any rate.

Fraternal Lodge, No. 27, Selma, Ala., expects to erect a \$20,000 Masonic temple. It will be a handsome building, three stories high, the first floor being used for business houses. There are thirty-seven inmates of the Kansas Masonic Home, eighteen of whom are children, ranging in age from 4 to 17 years. The average cost per week for each inmate, as reported by the matron, is \$2.73.

At the recent Grand Lodge meeting in London, Ont., upon the suggestion of the grand master, the rank of past grand master was conferred upon Bro. J. J. Mason, who was unavoidably absent on account of severe illness, and who has been having been elected to that position in London just a quarter of a century ago.

Illinois Masons made up an excursion from Chicago to Milwaukee on July 28th, the facts connected with it are true, is invested with peculiar historic interest. The apron is said to have first been worn by Andrew Jackson. In 1849 he presented it to P. S. McMurry, governor of the State of Missouri, on May 27th, 1844. Bro. McMurry, who had grown too feeble to attend Masonic meetings, presented the apron to his nephew, J. M. Brittle, Bro. McMurry was made a Mason in 1822, was a soldier under Jackson in the Creek and Seminole Indian wars. He was with Jackson at New Orleans January 8th, 1815, and again in 1835 he responded to the call for help in the Florida war. At this time he was a long friend and brother Mason was President of the United States.

George J. Hobe, one of the most widely-known Masons in California, died at his home in San Francisco on July 28th, 1899. Bro. Hobe was a pioneer. He lacked but a few days of being 75 years old. He came to California in the early fifties and continued in business until some years ago, when he began giving up all his time to Masonry. He was secretary of the Masonic Cemetery Association, had held many other secretarial positions in the or-

der, and was also prominent in the Eastern Star. He was held in high esteem in the fraternity, and was considered an authority on Masonic history in California. The new officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario, are as follows: Grand Master, R. B. Hungerford; D. G. M., J. E. Harding; G. S. W., A. G. McWhinney; G. J. W., Alexander Gibson; Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. C. Farthing; Grand Treasurer, Murray and Grand Secretary, Mason were re-elected by acclamation; Grand Registrar, Jno. D. Clarke.

A Chinese Dinner. A Chinese dinner in thirty-seven courses, which was recently given in San Francisco, is thus described by a participant: "First came pyramids of ham and carrots in oblong slices. Then in quick succession followed mutton, balled pig hide, grilled fish rolled in sugar, and bawled fowl dipped in soy sauce. We were next treated to shark fins in pickle and eggs which had been buried in lime until they had become black. Perled water chestnuts, the roots of a kind of lotus, cakes of stiff cranberry jelly, sliced boiled carrots and turnips completed the tenth course, and were topped off with olives arranged in pyramids and held in place by bamboo pins. Green gages and tamarinds soaked in wine and pieces of fried red melon were all arranged in the pyramid bamboo style. Small pieces of pastry rolled in brown sugar; sections of oranges, toasted melon pips and monkey nuts, small pink dumplings filled with sugar, and parties which resembled nothing in the world unless it was mince pies, were served as the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth courses. Baskets of pastry filled with sandy brown sugar and envelopes of pastry filled with mince pie meat preceded the 'piece de resistance'—sea slug risoles. By this time one felt prepared for anything, and taste was all. But fifteen more courses were met staved to shreds, fish tripe in white soup, stewed duck, stewed shrimps, lotus seed, chicken and red sturgeon. Eight bowls appeared after those with a clear soup, which is known to the Chinese as 'mouth nourisher'; raw stewed shrimps' cut in fanciful shapes; stewed with ham, and sliced pig's trotter. Course thirty-five and thirty-six were mooring and nomenclature. Huge bowls of rice filled up intervals, and the dinner ended with sweet pilau, the mixture that in China takes the place of bread—Chicago News.

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