

MAKING MUSIC BOXES.

Great Skill and Meager Pay For the Experts of Geneva.

One big industry of Geneva, Switzerland, is the manufacture of music boxes. Thousands of men, women and children are employed in the factories, one of which was visited by a young American, who thus writes about the visit:

An attendant invited him to take a seat. He did so, and strains of delightful music came from the chair. He hung his hat on a rack and put his traveling staff in the stand. Music came from both rack and stand. He wrote his name in the visitors' register, and on dipping his pen in the ink the music burst forth from the inkstand.

The manager of the factory explained the process of making music boxes, a business which requires patience and nicety.

The different parts are made by men who are experts in those parts, and they do nothing else year in and year out.

The music is marked on the cylinder by a man who has served several years of apprenticeship. Another man inserts in the marked places pegs which have been filed to a uniform length. The comb or set of teeth which strikes the pegs and makes the sound is arranged by a man who does nothing else. The cylinder is then revolved to see that every peg produces a proper tone.

The most delicate work of all is the revising of each peg. It is done by a workman who has a good ear for music. He sees that each peg is in its proper place and bent at the correct angle.

When the instrument is in its case an expert examines it to see that the time is perfect and good.

The best workmen—those who mark the cylinder and adjust the pegs—earn \$1.50 a day, after serving an apprenticeship of ten or twelve years. An ordinary workman earns \$1 a day.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

POISONOUS SNAKES.

They Are Absolutely Proof Against Their Own or Other Venom.

Snake venom is a transparent fluid, yellowish in color and of about the consistency of human saliva. When dried it takes the form of flaky yellow crystals. In this shape or dissolved in alcohol or glycerin it will remain unaltered and will preserve its poisonous properties for an indefinite period. No satisfactory chemical analysis has ever been made of it, but it seems to be a very complex albuminous compound. A curious discovery recently made is that the blood of venomous serpents is itself poisonous, containing as it does the principles that are concentrated in the secretion of the venom glands.

Venomous snakes are themselves absolutely venom proof. Rattlesnakes dosed by injection with large quantities of their own or other venom have shown not the slightest ill effects. Another remarkable fact is that serpent venom is harmless to human beings or other animals if taken internally. The

late Dr. S. Weir Mitchell found that one-fourth of a drop of rattlesnake poison would kill a pigeon if given by hypodermic injection, but a pigeon fed with six drops a day for three successive days suffered not at all in consequence.

Professor Mangili, a pioneer investigator in this line, had an assistant who boldly swallowed all the venom that could be extracted from four large vipers. No bad effects followed. The same negative result was noted by Professor Baird, at that time secretary of the Smithsonian institution, who ate the venom glands of a rattlesnake. As recently ascertained, serpent venom in such circumstances is harmless, because it cannot pass through the mucous membrane that lines the stomach, and it undergoes changes during digestion that allow it to enter the blood as an innocuous substance.—Every Week.

Beautiful Defendant.

"I want you to make the outfit for my trial."

"Let me see," mused the experienced modiste. "You'll want a direct testimony suit, a cross examination gown and something dainty and clinging to faint in."—Kansas City Journal

The Senate Barber Shop.

Here's an odd thing about the United States senate barber shop: Although the number of senators has hardly increased at all, the number of shaves has increased at a surprising rate in recent years. The reason is simply that the senate is now inhabited largely by comparatively young men with smooth faces or wearing mustaches at most, and they are obliged to get shaved every little while, whereas the old style senator with a riot of whiskers never had occasion to visit a barber shop except every few months to get his hair trimmed.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Trap For Quotation Experts.

If any one wants a catch question to spring on a gathering of self confessed literary sharps let him ask whence comes the quotation, "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." This is one of the six best sellers in the world of quotations, yet not one person in a hundred knows where it comes from. It is comparatively easy to guess the author, but almost impossible to find a person who can name the work.

One could build any number of parlor games around "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Try it.—Spokane Spokesman-Review

BABY PRIZE WINNER IN PARADE.

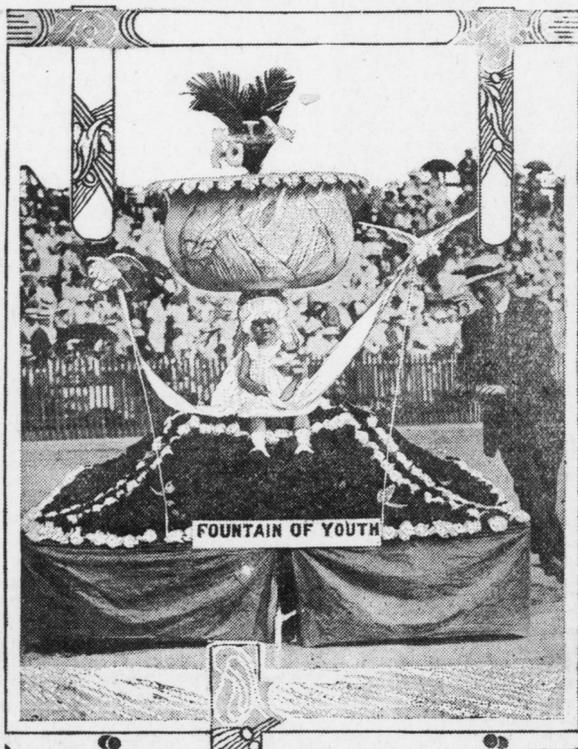


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Edna Mannigan, portraying the "Fountain of Youth" in the first prize float at the recent Asbury Park (N. J.) baby parade.

AID ASKED FOR ARMENIANS

U. S. Should Bring Pressure on Germany, Report Intimates.

New York, Sept. 27.—A preliminary report of the committee on Armenian atrocities asserts that it has evidence which tends to show that probably half a million Armenians have been murdered since March or have been driven into the desert to die of starvation and exposure unless speedy relief reaches them.

The committee, which consists of Professor Samuel T. Dutton, Charles R. Crane, Cleveland H. Dodge, D. S. Dodge, Arthur C. James, J. R. Mott, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Frank L. North, Stanley White, James L. Burton, William Sloane, and others, was formed for the purpose of investigating the facts regarding the reported massacre of non-Moslems in Turkey and also to ascertain whether anything can be done to relieve the situation.

The statement intimates that the United States should bring pressure to bear on Germany and Austria to force Turkey to put a stop to the massacre of Armenians.

MRS. M'MANUS COMES HOME

Widow of American Killed in Mexico Reaches New York.

New York, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Ruth McManus, widow of John B. McManus of Chicago, who was killed last March in Mexico City by Zapatistas while defending his home, arrived by the liner Morro Castle with her four young children.

The Zapatista government paid Mrs. McManus \$20,000 and disavowed the act of the bandits who had shot McManus.

How to Tell if It Is Silver.

To distinguish silver from white metal the Jeweler and Metalworker gives the following directions: Rub on a piece of slate, wet the streak with dilute nitric acid, by which it is dissolved, and then a drop or two of hydrochloric acid from the end of a glass rod, when a curdy white precipitate is formed which does not disappear on the addition of a small or large quantity of water, being, in fact, indissoluble in this, while most other metals will not be thus affected.

A Mean Suggestion.

Pierrot—The only way for a man to understand women is to get married. Pierrette—And study the ways of his wife, eh? Pierrot—No. Listen to what she tells him about the other women.

A Risky Study.

"Why have you dropped your popular astronomy?" asked the visitor. "Cause I got too many lickings," confided Tommy. "The other night I told pa that Mars' face was ever changing, and ma heard me and thought I meant her face. Next thing I didn't get any supper and got a licking besides."—Chicago News.

Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
R. Yes.
D. What form of Government is this?
R. Republic.
D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
R. The Congress.
D. What does Congress consist of?
R. Senate and House of Representatives.
D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
R. President.
D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
R. 4 years.
D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
R. The Vice President.
D. What is his name?
R. Thomas R. Marshall.
D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
R. By the electors.
D. By whom are the electors elected?
R. By the people.
D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania?
R. The Legislature.
D. What does the Legislature consist of?
R. Senate and Assembly.
D. How many State in the union?
R. 48.
D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
R. July 4, 1776.
D. By whom was it written?
R. Thomas Jefferson.
D. Which is the capital of the United States?
R. Washington.
D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?
R. Harrisburg.
D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
R. Two.
D. By whom are they elected?
R. By the people.
D. For how long?
R. 6 years.
D. How many representatives are there?
R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000. (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
D. For how long are they elected?
R. 2 years.
D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
R. 38.
D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
R. The Governor.
D. For how long is he elected?
R. 4 years.
D. Who is the Governor?
R. Brumbaugh.
D. Do you believe in organized government?
R. Yes.
D. Are you opposed to organized government?
R. No.
D. Are you an anarchist?
R. No.
D. What is an anarchist?
R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
R. No.
D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
R. No.
D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
R. No.
D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
R. The board of Aldermen.
D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
R. Yes.

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Reading History.

He who reads history learns to distinguish what is local from what is universal, what is transitory from what is eternal; to discriminate between exceptions and rules, to trace the operation of disturbing causes, to separate the general principles which are always true and everywhere applicable from the accidental circumstances with which in every community they are blended and with which, in an isolated community, they are confounded by the most philosophical mind. Hence it is that in generalization the writers of modern times have far surpassed those of antiquity.—Macaulay.

The Exception.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."
"That's good theory, but it isn't always wise practice."
"Why not?"
"I once tried to paper a room myself. I didn't succeed, but I assure you that my experience taught me never to try it again."—Detroit Free Press.

The Wise Man.

Father Stack—You say you went through an agricultural college? Then you must know all about nitrates?
Stranger—Sure thing! Where did you want to telegraph to?—New York Globe.

Other Record Harvests.

The year's barley crop will, it is estimated, amount to 217,000,000 bushels, or 22,000,000 more than last year; the rye crop has been increased from 43,000,000 to 47,000,000 bushels; the rice crop from 24,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels. Eighteen million bushels of buckwheat have been raised, as against 17,000,000 in 1914.
Smokers will be pleased to know that the department of agriculture estimates that there will be harvested 1,083,000,000 pounds of tobacco in the United States, where but 1,035,000,000 pounds were gathered in 1914.

Proof.

Patience—Do you believe that love is blind?
Patrice—I surely do.
"Why so?"
"Because they say Peggy is in love with herself."—Yonkers Statesman.

In Half Mourning.

"I don't understand you, Linda. One day you're bright and jolly and the next depressed and sad."
"Well, I'm in half mourning; that's why."—Fliegende Blätter.

Kin and King.

Kings in the earliest days were merely the "fathers of families," and the word is derived from the same source as "kin."

Every man will get his rights when every man does his duties and not before.