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### WARNINGS FOR STORES, CHURCHES, BAZAARS, ETC.

Kentucky's fire loss during the year is the lowest in the history of the State.

Holiday fires in these places while filled with people, are usually holocausts. Light inflammable decorations make fires easy to start and easy to spread. A match, a gas flame or an electrical defect, may do it.

Watch gas gets, decorations may be blown against them and a fire started.

Watch smokers, do not permit them to light cigars, pipes or cigarettes while inside the buildings filled with holiday shoppers, or while around decorations, etc.

Do not make any changes in electric wires, devices or appliances, without consulting a competent electrician.

See that the fire extinguishers are in good order and in proper places.

Do not allow fire extinguishers to be placed on the floors, in closets, or in out-of-the-way places. Hang them on the walls in plain view.

See that the hose, nozzles, etc., to fire-fighting appliances, are in good condition and in working order.

Do not pile boxes, crates, etc., on stairways or in front of windows, exits, or on fire escapes. Keep the aisles clear of obstruction. Before closing the store, shop, mill or factory at night, go over the entire building to see that everything is safe from fire.

Provide for the disposal of waste paper, trash, etc., in non-combustible receptacles, or remove same from building each day.

Protect floors under and about stoves and furnaces, with brick, cement or sheet metal. Be careful not to have stoves and furnaces close to woodwork.

Spittoons should be of metal, or other non-combustible material, and should never contain sawdust.

Gasoline and other volatile oils should never be kept in buildings, except in small quantities in approved metal safety cans, and should never be kept in open receptacles.

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### USE BIRDS TO CATCH FISH

How Chinese Employ Cormorants to Capture Unwary Members of the Vasty Deep.

In "My Chinese Days" Miss Gu-lielma F. Alsop describes a remarkable river industry that she saw while visiting a friend in Soochow. We were rowing on the river at the time, she says, and as we turned a bend we saw a long, narrow boat swinging at midstream, in which two men stood motionless and silent. At first glance, it looked as if the boat were not floating on the water, but as if it were held just above the surface by a flock of strong blackbirds as large as eagles. Fascinated, I watched the birds. They screamed and fluttered their sooty black wings. Suddenly a number plunged into the water. I saw them struggling and flapping; then the men pulled them up by stout strings, caught them under their arms, and jerked the fish from their mouths. I saw a gleam of silver as they tossed the fish into a basket. The commotion among the birds subsided and they settled down in horizontal rows, making dark patches on the water.

"How many?" called a voice from the shore.

"Three," answered one of the men. "Later, more," he said. "The sun not yet falls down the hill of heaven. Wait till the fish see not the shadow of the blackbirds."

My companion explained the custom of cormorant fishing, which is an ancient Soochow industry. The birds are tied by stout ropes and perch on sticks parallel to the sides of the boat. They are kept very hungry so that they will fish, and the men can steal the catch from their mouths.

### GREAT MUSICIAN A DIPLOMAT

Mendelssohn's Tact in Delicate Situation Properly Recognized by His English Admirers.

After the London performance of "St. Paul" by the Sacred Harmonic society at Exeter hall, in 1837, Mendelssohn's coach was waylaid at midnight on his way to Dover, but, instead of being robbed, the composer was presented with a silver snuff box by a group of devotees. He had behaved with charming grace in an awkward incident. The London performance in question was to have been conducted by him. But the Birmingham festival was just due, and he was the great attraction there in the same oratorio. It was felt that his appearance as conductor in London at that juncture would detract from the importance of his visit to Birmingham. Mendelssohn saw the point and canceled his London engagement. But he attended the performance, and was so winning to all concerned—audience, performers, officials—that he turned a disappointment into a scene of wild enthusiasm.

### APPROPRIATE.

"Why," said a friend to a Midland clergyman, "do you call your dog Kibroth Hattaavah?" "Read your Bible," retorted the clergyman, "and you will understand."

When the searcher realized that Kibroth was the place where the Israelites "lusted after meat," he did understand.—London Tit-Bits.

### SPONTANEOUS OPINIONS.

"Why are you so distrustful of a soviet form of government?" "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "I have belonged to a lot of village debating societies and not one of them lasted very long or really decided anything."

### WHICH WAS SELDOM.

"Do you regard your recent meeting as a success?" "I do," answered the woman with thin, determined lips; "I was the chairman and nobody could show off and make a speech unless I chose to permit it."

### ISOLATED.

"How's my boy getting along at school?" "H's in a class by himself." "Huh?" "He was so pestiferous that I had to separate him from the other kids."

### TOO EXCEPTIONAL.

"The play you sent me to see is not true to life." "In what respect?" "The heroine is a contented wife."



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### DESPERATE EXTREMITIES REQUIRE HEROIC REMEDIES

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Offers of \$160 and more for paper, against contract price of \$75, fail to disclose any supply.

Figuring the paper at 8 cents a pound the white paper alone in each copy of the Sunday Star represents an outlay of 10 cents.

What is true of Indianapolis is equally true of other cities. The Birmingham, Ala., newspapers have

taken due cognizance of the situation.

The News and Ledger have advanced the daily from 3 to 5 cents and to 25 cents a week for carrier deliveries.

The Sunday News and the Sunday Age Herald are advanced from 7 to

10 cents; the Sunday Ledger from 5 to 10 cents. Newspapers generally must advance subscription prices or go out of business. The same dispatches that carried the announcement of the increase in Birmingham told of the suspension of the St. Louis Republic, the oldest Democratic paper in the United States. St. Louis is now in the class of Indianapolis and Cleveland—only one morning newspaper, and an excellent one, the Globe-Democrat.

