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BLAZING THE AIR TRAILS.

LIEUTENANT Maynard has set a new pace for aerial navigation in this country, having successfully traveled across the continent and back in record time. His feat has attracted the admiration of not only his own country but the world.

In the comment on the aerial derby criticism has been directed toward attempting it because of the apparent foolhardy loss of life. No less than nine of the aviators who started on the trip across the continent traveling east and west were killed and 27 were forced out of the running.

When the first railroad trains were operated, there was widespread criticism over the heavy loss of life. People feared the steam engine and its rumbling cars. Many refused to ride in them.

So we must, and of course will, look upon the airplane. The oceans and great continents are being crossed by it. There will be loss of life, probably in greater numbers during the next few years devoted to perfecting and developing the aerial machine.

"NECESSITY THE MOTHER OF INVENTION"

THE Germans coined the expression of defiance "Necessity knows no law" and it proved the undoing of the Hun. The statement itself would forecast that. But it remained for an American institution to coin a real expression such as is used above this article, which we must concede is literally true.

Again we are inclined to meditate on the possibility of development in this age of marvels. What happened to the Literary Digest and to many other magazines was this: Its composers went on a strike. It is immaterial what the cause was so far as illustrating the point of necessity is concerned. It was necessary to issue the

regular number of the magazine. How to do this without operators to set and make up the type was the question. Here was a case of dire necessity, but as is often the case the same necessity became the mother of invention.

What necessity did this: Instead of setting the subject matter in the magazine by machine, as had been done prior to the strike, the articles were written and then copied by expert stenographers. These copies were photographed and from the photographic copies of each page of the magazine, a plate was made, just as a cut would be made from a photograph of any kind.

The first newspaper to attempt to duplicate the act of the Literary Digest was the Los Angeles Times. Saturday it printed one page of its edition from photo engravings. It gives the Digest credit for the suggestion but claims an improvement in the alignment of the columns and a process of enlarging the head letters.

A WORTHY MOVEMENT

HERE cannot help but be general indorsement of the movement inaugurated by the Boise Business Women's club to furnish lodging places for working girls in this city.

The entire scheme is being worked out on a non-profit basis. Women who are employed in various occupations will be given suitable quarters in these houses and everything done for their convenience. In these days of high cost of living the movement is as timely as it is worthy.

The high price of raisins. It is to be hoped, has nothing whatever to do with the peculiar chemical properties of that article of commerce when judiciously submerged in a harmless beverage under highly specialized conditions.

No one nation can menace the United States—General March chief of staff. Perhaps not; but Mexico can shed a deal of American blood with all the impudence of a Prussian military autocracy.

The G. A. R. has dwindled to 110,000 members, but its example of patriotism is as effective as when it numbered a million.

Boston rather liked being called a state of mind, but it doesn't enjoy being in a state of terror.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By WALT MASON.

THE CAUSE.

All the world is in commotion, forty kinds of dust we raise; every gent with crazy notion has an audience these days; all the peoples rise and clamor for new avenues to tread; every fellow has a hammer, and he'd mash another's head. And the man who once was Kaiser, says, while people cut up thus, "I'm the little early riser who kicked up this beastly fuss."

PEPS



INHERITED

Maud's awfully stuck up. Naturally, her father made all his money as a bill poster.

A LITTLE SLICE OF LIFE

The other day we decided A momentous question. It had been bothering us For a good many months. We had talked it over with One or two intimata friends And had consulted our banker To see if we could invest The amount of money necessary Without danger of bankruptcy.

Two ladies, one of whom was very deaf, were walking by the railway. Suddenly an express train rushed by, and as it passed the engine gave a shriek that seemed to rend the sky.

John Simmons had been an abstainer for twenty years, but fell from the ways of grace and worshiped the vicious god with all the fervor of a convert.

Peeling the need of recuperation, he sent his boy to an adjacent hostelry for a bottle of whiskey.

"But," cried the hotel proprietor, "who's it for?"

"For my father," said the boy. "Nonsense. Your father is a total abstainer, and has been, to my knowledge, for longer years than you've lived."

Little Roy had returned from a week's visit to his aunt, and was trying to describe the folding bed he had been sleeping in. "It lays down at night, mamma, and stands on its hind legs in the daytime."

"My plate is damp," complained a traveler in a London hotel.

"Hush!" whispered the wife, "that's your soup."

It seems strange but whenever I go shopping with my wife for a hat something happens and we are not speaking on our way home.

Just yesterday we strolled down among the avenue shops looking for something in gentlemen's hats. One's mind becomes perfumed sweetly strolling through the avenue shops and money becomes of no value whatever.

Well, anyway, I didn't buy the green hat. You know how it is. I didn't want to assert myself and create a scene. I'm quite harsh when the beast in me is aroused. So I bought the sedate and quiet little hat—a silly little thing that just escaped being a cap or an ear muff.

But I don't care now. I'm going to wear black ties, colorless shirts, and plain clothes and people will look at me and wonder how I got that way and I can tell them it was because I married a woman who spoiled my individuality.

Two Scotch miners went on a fishing expedition. But they were novices at the game.

WHO'S WHO IN CURRENT EVENTS

MUSCOVITE LEADER IN LONDON FOR AID

Nicholas Tschakovsky, president of the north Russian provisional government, is in London to induce the British government to announce a definite policy in north Russia. He says that what he most desires is recognition of the Archangel government by one or more of the allies.

at the game. "Hoo are ye gettin' on, Jock?" asked one. "Och, simply rotten!" was the reply. "I don't believe my bloomie's worms' trying."

In one of the southern training camps a profane and perspiring infantry sergeant was doing his best to pound into the heads of a squad of exceedingly raw rookies the rudiments of military science.

When the sergeant gave an order each willing recruit of the squad made a commendable effort to execute it, but every little rookie had a movement of his own, with highly unsatisfactory results.

"You were!" bawled the sergeant. At this point the proceedings were interrupted by a recruit from Boston who, before enlisting had been a Harvard student.

"Beg pawdon, sawgeant," said he, "but couldn't it be my propah to say, 'You will restoh the status quo ante?'"

"This is the best burglar alarm made. The burglar no sooner enters the house than it alarms the residents," said the hardware dealer to the new neighbor.

"Haven't you got one that will alarm the burglar?"

Some medical fiend claims to have discovered that bee stings are a great cure for rheumatism. Pity the hesitating rheumatic patient, timorously muttering: "To 'bee' or not to 'bee'—that is the question!"

A WEALTHY LABOR LEADER.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

The career followed by John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, is not commonly regarded as one leading to large fortune, or even to a competency, but Mr. Mitchell died the other day, leaving an estate in stocks and bonds valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

He was born in Will county, Ill., so poor that he attended school only up to his tenth year, educating himself by night study and even reading law for a year. From an early age he worked in the coal mines, until his twenty-seventh year, when he took up union organization work.

Neither his salary nor the proceeds from his writings and lectures explain his \$250,000 accumulation. Probably in the positions he occupied he accumulated a large sum of money for investment which his savings enabled him to improve.

PRICES IN BRITAIN FALLING. (Colonist, Victoria.)

Reductions, which in these times appear to be notable, are taking place in many of the necessities of life in the downward tendency is that it is in response to the public demand. It is pointed out that customers are developing a firmer attitude and that the bargaining instinct is more active.

Women's costumes are \$10.50 cheaper than they were three months ago, while velvet hats which sold for \$10 in the early summer have been marked down to \$5. Ceylon flannelette which last winter sold for \$25 on sale at 70 cents a yard, and shirtings have dropped from \$1.50 to \$1.22 a yard.

Clothes of every kind are conspicuous among the commodities the prices of which are on the downward trend. In the west end of London, where the prices for men's suits are always highest in Great Britain, people which short time ago were selling for \$60 are now as low as \$40.

The general downward tendency is being shared in by a number of foodstuffs. What is happening in Britain is partly a reflex action on the continent owing to the replacement in industries of men who were taken out of them during the war.

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STILL HOLDING THE BAG



WHAT THE PRESS OF THE NATION SAY

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Secrets of Health and Happiness

How Science Now Tells If You Can "Catch" Diphtheria

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YOU and your infant may escape invalidism or death because you "do not believe" in diphtheria, when your child has a sore throat.

When, however, "really for righty," Simon-pure, honest-to-goodness, malignant diphtheria begins in a child, summon a real doctor with a supply of anti-toxin.

Diphtheria is very contagious and many persons, especially children, can catch it. For this reason, whenever a case of diphtheria is discovered, the doctor injects the anti-toxin not only into the patient, but also, as a protective

against the disease, into those who have come into contact with the patient. This is "immunizing" the susceptible individuals. The immunizing dose is not so large as the curative dose given to the patient, but it is usually sufficient to protect those exposed to diphtheria for a month from the time of infection. At the end of that time the protection disappears.

A few years ago a very simple test was discovered to tell whether a person could or could not catch diphtheria. This is known as the Schick test. It consists in injecting a few drops of a prepared diphtheria toxin into the skin and then watching whether a characteristic red spot appears where the injection was made. If such a spot does not appear within two or three days it shows that the person cannot catch diphtheria.

For those in whom the characteristic redness appears and who are, therefore, known to be liable to catch diphtheria, doctors now advise a course of protective injections similar to those which have proved so successful against typhoid fever. This protective treatment consists of three small injections, a week apart. There is no sore, and there is no smallpox vaccination, and the injections are harmless. The protection lasts for years and perhaps even for life.

Have your doctor make a Schick test on your child and if this shows the lack of protection against diphtheria, have him give the three protective injections.

All discharges from the nose and mouth of a diphtheria patient should be gathered in soft clean cloths or rags or papers and destroyed by burning. The patient should cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, for a cough or sneeze will spray mucus a distance of 10 or 15 feet.

The attendant should wear a washable gown that completely covers the clothing. It should be put on when entering the room of the patient, and taken off immediately on leaving it.

A basin of water, together with a cake of castile soap (or where possible an antiseptic solution) should be placed in a convenient place, so that the doctor and nurse attending the patient may wash their hands before leaving the room.

Guard Against Contagion. All eating utensils that the patient uses should be washed in boiling hot water separately from other dishes and used exclusively by the patient.

All bedclothes and bedding should be boiled in soap and water or they should be exposed to the sunshine. Direct sunshine kills disease germs.

The person attending the patient should wear a double layer of gauze or other soft, thin cloth across the mouth and nose as a face mask whenever near the patient so as to prevent the germs coming from the patient's mouth from

entering and lodging on the lining of the mouth or throat of the attendant. Always remember that even though you may not get the disease if the germs edge in your throat they may grow there and you may carry the disease to another person who may catch it.

There should be but one attendant wherever possible. No visitors should be permitted in the sick room—not even during convalescence. The nurse who attends the sick should not prepare or handle the food of others.

Answers to Health Questions. J. C. P. Q—What can I do for smallpox? A—Apply a little of the following to the affected parts: Sulphur precip. 3 drams. Pulv. camphora. 1 dram. Pulv. tragacanth. 1 dram. Liquid alboline. 3 ounces.

S. W. Q—Would you be kind enough to tell me how I could relieve myself of a hivesness in the throat? A—Frigidate your nose and throat with alkaline antiseptic solution diluted three times in water. Also have a thorough examination made of your throat by a throat surgeon.

WRIGLEY'S. Q—What can I do for a bad breath? A—Take half a dozen bone charcoal tablets after meals, and one tablespoonful of milk of magnesia before meals. Eat slowly, digest your food properly, brush the teeth each night and morning. Take a tablespoonful of olive oil about half an hour after meals.

MARGIE. Q—Kindly give me a formula for saraparfilla syrup. A—Use one part of fluid extract and three parts of syrup.

DAILY READER. Q—Is there a way to make one's flesh solid without exercising? A—No. There is no way of making one's flesh solid without exercising.

Dr. Hirschberg will answer questions for readers of this paper on medical, hygienic and domestic subjects that are of general interest. If correct always endeavor to prescribe or offer advice for individual cases, where the subject is not of general interest letters will be answered personally, if a stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed. Address: 225 HUNTERS BLVD., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.