

OCEAN TRAVEL

The fact that nearly 7,000 first-class passengers left New York during a recent week shows how high the tide of ocean travel has risen this summer.

The large diamond found at the Premier mine in South Africa is described as weighing more than 131 carats.

The idea of securing fire protection for factories by installing a sprinkling system fed from a tank of water on the roof is essentially a good one.

A man in Connecticut lost \$18 in saving two lives and has decided that heroism is too expensive for a steady business.

Those who, when reeking with perspiration and aflame with heat, plunge into the cool depths of a lake or stream put themselves in the way of a departure to another climate.

The efforts of the tailors to make permanent the creases in trousers bring back thoughts of the old days when such creases were considered badges of shame.

An English woman is preparing to try to fly across the English channel and back. American women will wonder why she wishes to do it.

Hot weather generally has a tendency to render dogs sullen and ferocious. The increase in crime in the country over the last few days suggests that weather has a similar effect upon human beings.

One scientist found sixty million germs in one raisin. How many germs could four scientists find in a mince pie?

Keeping cool would be much easier if fewer people were around giving advice as to the best schemes to keep from getting hot.

Seven aeroplanes in a tent were wrecked in an East St. Louis storm. The loss was considerable, but who knows how many lives were saved?

When there is close harmony on the shores of a Connecticut lake the fish are said to bite better. Bite whom?

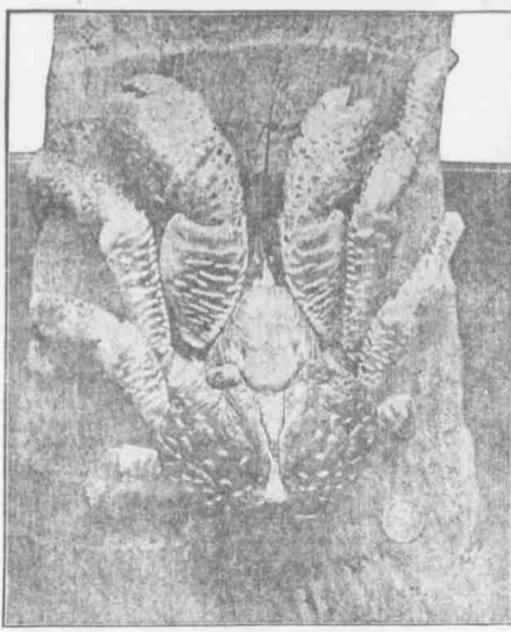
Chicago boomers are due for an awful jar. Instead of the 2,000,000 population as predicted, Chicago is found to have about 2,100,000.

A woman is to enter the flying race between Chicago and New York. Some day in the near future women will grow their own wings.

Perhaps aeroplane accidents are necessary, but what is the use of being run down by child chauffeurs?

The World's Wonders

Crabs That Climb the Trees



The robber or coconut crab has been known for some centuries, but until lately doubts have existed whether these crustaceans actually climb trees to reach the coconut.

CHINESE TELEPHONE STATION



So numerous are the Chinese residents of San Francisco that the Pacific Telephone company which serves that city has established a branch exclusively for the Orientals.

HINDOO SIGNS WITH TOE

Identification methods were given a new twist in a Chico, Cal., bank when a Hindoo squatted on the floor, jerked off his shoe and used the great toe of his right foot for stamping an impression on the deposit slip.

REMARKABLE SPRUCE HEDGE

What is admittedly the most extensive hedge in New Hampshire stands in front of the residence of John R. Hatch in the village of Greenland, N. H.

BLIND ACROBATIC HORSE

A blind horse gave an extraordinary performance at Vincennes, Ind., the other day, too desperate to be repeated in a circus.

WHERE AUTO IS SCORNED

There is one place in Missouri where the honk-honk of the motor-car is but rarely heard and where no such devices are owned.

BIG SPIDER CATCHES MICE

Instead of killing a large black spider which he saw in his workshop, D. A. K. Neas of Morristown, Tenn., concluded to let it live and call it his pet.

HIS FAME IS WRIT IN WINE

One of the monuments in Reims that attracts the especial attention of visitors to that quaint city is the statue of Dom Perignon.



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INDEPENDENCE ON THE FARM

SPLENDID RESULTS FOLLOW FARMING IN THE CANADIAN WEST.

Americans in Canada Not Asked to Forget That They Were Born Americans.

Farm produce today is remunerative, and this helps to make farm life agreeable. Those who are studying the economics of the day tell us that the strength of the nation lies in the cultivation of the soil.

Calling at a farm house, near one of the numerous thriving towns of Alberta, in Western Canada, the writer was given a definition of "independence" that was accepted as quite original.

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The Hansom Cab of Seville



One of the most picturesque sights in the interesting city of Seville, Spain, is the two-wheeled vehicle that serves as a hansom cab.

Lancaster is the headquarters of the biggest individual horse dealer and circus outfitter in America. Billy Hall is his well known name, and his business brings more money to Lancaster than half a dozen factories.

BABY PLAYS WITH RATTLES

When Mrs. James Oxall of Blue Tent, Cal., went into her back yard to look for her baby she found the infant playing with a rattlesnake, which was called up and hissing and rattling.

PRINCE DEFENDS A BURGLAR

A laborer who appeared in the prisoners' dock in a Berlin police court on a charge of burglary had something of a shock when he heard the announcement that his defense would be conducted by his serene highness the prince of Rattibor.

been re-sown to feed. There are individual crops which will run as high as 45 bushels on acres of 600 and 1,000 acres, but there are others which will drop as low as 15.

The northern section of Alberta has been naturally anxious to impress the world with the fact that it has not suffered from drought, and this is quite true.

When the very light rainfall and other eccentricities of the past season are taken into account, it seems nothing short of a miracle that the Canadian West should have produced 192 million bushels of wheat, which is less than 18 million bushels short of the crop of 1909.

I came to Maidstone from Menominee, Wis., four years ago, with my parents and two brothers. We all located homesteads at that time and now have our patents.

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Sir Wilfred Laurier Talks to Americans

Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada, is now making a tour of Western Canada and in the course of his tour he has visited many of the districts in which Americans have settled.

"I understand that many of you have come from the great Republic to the south of us—a land which is akin to us by blood and tradition. I hope that in coming from a free country you realize that you come also to another free country, and that although you came from a republic you have come to what is a crowned democracy.

"I hope that in coming here as you have, you have found liberty, justice and equality of rights. In this country, as in your own, you know nothing of separation of creed and race, for you are all Canadians here. And if I may express a wish it is that you would become as good Canadians as you have been good Americans and that you may yet remain good Americans.

The Right Way

William Muldoon, the noted trainer, was talking apropos of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, of training.



TOLD OF LEE'S SURRENDER

Characteristic Story of Confederate Soldier of Scenes in Army on Historical Day.

The following story of how a member of a North Carolina regiment of cavalry felt at Lee's surrender was told to me some time ago. I will try and place it before my readers in as near the narrator's own words as I can.



I Thought I Had Been Shot

There was a skirt of woods, and we would lie flat on our backs and lead our guns, then rise up, fire, and drop on our backs again. It was not long before my comrade next me was lying dead; shot through the head.

"Thus the war passed, with much suffering from myself and comrades, until the ninth day of April, 1865, when we were engaged in battle at Appomattox. We saw the flag of truce, and heard the command to cease firing, then we awaited with bated breath for long hours. All at once we caught sight of a man riding along the line, white flag in hand, and the cry was echoed, 'Lee has surrendered!'

"But we were ordered to stack arms and march to the courthouses, and there, when the treaty of peace was signed, that noble man, General Grant, gave each of us a pass, told us to take our horses, and go home to our families.

"I felt then, as I do now, that there never was a more kind and generous man ever lived than General Grant. "We took our passes and reached home without much difficulty, subsisting sometimes on corn, parched, that we dug from out the frozen ground where our horses had been fed. On our way home we came to an old mill where a small boy was grinding his last bushel of corn for his old parents, but we took half of it, in spite of his applications to the contrary, ground it into hominy, and poured water in it and baked it on a flat rock; but I thought I never before or since tasted anything so delicious.

The Weary Explainer

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "why does the umpire wear a chest protector in this warm weather?"

Run Ahead of Armor

Rear Admiral Bacon of the British navy believes that the race between the gun and the armor of a battleship, which has been going on for over half a century, has been decided, for the moment, in favor of the gun.