

## GALICIA.

At Monasterzyska, the town council has decided to name a street after Dr. Theodor Herzl. This is the second instance in Galicia in which the memory of Dr. Herzl has been so honored, the first having been in Gliniany. There is also a street bearing the name of the founder of the Zionist movement in Czernowitz, the capital of the Bukovina.

## BULGARIA.

The sensational rumors about excesses against Bulgarian Jews are happily without foundation, as appears from an official demint, and there is no wholesale immigration into Servia. The pro-Jewish inclinations of King Ferdinand are illustrated by his visit to M. Joseph Reinach, in Paris, where he lunched with the distinguished savant. In an interview subsequent to the luncheon, King Ferdinand said: "I have spent some unforgettable hours in the house of one of the most intellectual men of France."

## HIS ERROR WAS OVERTALKING

Conclusion Reached by a Mississippi Darkey Who Was Brought to Trial Accused of Murder.

Private John Allen of Mississippi, tells a speech on wool made by Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana, some time ago and sent out extensively by the senator. After a time the senator concluded not to send out any more copies of that speech.

"Reminds me," said Private John, "of the case of a negro I knew down in Mississippi who was to be tried for murder and who had promised the prosecuting attorney to plead guilty."

"The time came for the trial. The prosecuting attorney had no witnesses. He thought none was necessary. While the other business of the court was being cleared up a local lawyer sat down by the negro and asked: 'Do you want to get out of this?'

"Yassir! Yassir, reckon I does." "Have you got five dollars?" "No, sah, but I kin git it."

"So the negro raised the five and gave it to the lawyer, who told him to say nothing, but when the judge asked him to plead, to plead not guilty instead of guilty."

"The negro was arraigned. He pleaded not guilty."

"Look here, you black scoundrel!" yelled the prosecuting attorney; "what do you mean by that plea? Didn't you promise me a dozen times you would plead guilty?"

"Yassir, I done promised that," replied the negro, "but I reckon I done overtalked myself."—Saturday Evening Post.

## Strongest at Thirty-One.

Inasmuch as a man's muscles develop with use it would appear logical that the older he gets the stronger he should become, but such is not the case. Experiments made with thousands of men show that the muscles of the average man have their period of increase and decline, whether he used them much or little. The average youth of seventeen has a lifting power of 280 pounds. By his twentieth year his power has increased to such a degree that he should be able to exert a lifting power of 320 pounds, while his maximum power is reached in his thirtieth or thirty-second year, 365 pounds then being recorded. At the expiration of the thirty-first year his power begins to decline, very gradually at first, falling but eight pounds by the time he is forty. From forty to fifty the decrease of power is somewhat more rapid, having dropped to 330 pounds at the latter age, the average lifting power of a man of fifty, therefore, being slightly greater than that of a man of twenty. After fifty the decrease in strength is usually rapid, but the rate of decrease varies so surprisingly in individuals that it has been impossible to obtain accurate data as to average strength after that age.

## THE ODD PHASES OF DREAMS

Sleeper Whose Hand Connects With a Lighted Cigar Thinks It Is a Snake.

"Dreams are curious things," remarked the amateur psychologist, according to a writer in the New York Sun. "Time does not seem to enter into their composition at all. For instance, the other day I was sitting on the porch of a hotel with a friend of mine smoking after lunch. It was a drowsy day, and conversation lagged. Presently I saw my friend nodding in his chair. He had dozed off, holding his lighted cigar. He had dozed off, holding his lighted cigar in his left hand, which was folded over his right. His left hand relaxed and the end of the cigar came in gentle contact with the right hand, inflicting a slight burn."

"The h—! It won't!" exclaimed my friend, waking with a start.

"The sentence sounded so incongruous that I burst out laughing. 'Won't you?' I asked."

"How long have I been asleep?" he asked.

"Not more than a couple of minutes," I replied.

"It doesn't seem possible," he said. "During that time I had a dream that 'pretty nearly took me around the world. I sailed for Southampton, dld England, France, Switzerland and a part of Italy, then through the orient to India. It was in India that I became much interested in one of the native snake charmers. He had the snakes crawling all over him and offered me one to fondle. I told him I was afraid it would bite me. He assured me that it wouldn't, and I took the reptile in my hand. It promptly fastened its fangs in me. I said, 'The h—! It won't!' and dropped it and then I woke up."

"I explained the episode of the lighted cigar," concluded the amateur psychologist and we both laughed."

## WHEN ANNOUNCING THE BABY

There Are Various Ways of Spreading the News of the Stork's Visit.

When the stork visits a household the most modish way of spreading the news of his call is by card announcement. This plan has the disadvantage of delay, however, as there is a minimum of time in which cards can be engraved and mailed, not to mention the fact that the oftentimes perplexing question of naming the baby must be decided first.

One young couple, however, though somewhat wastefully, overcame that seemingly necessary delay by deciding that if their "first" were a boy he should be called, say, John Henry, while if she happened to be the less desired girl her name was to be, say, Clementine. So they had two sets of cards engraved and ready for mailing the moment that the exact status of things was known. It would have been dreadful, though, if in the inevitable household confusion the wrong box of cards had been mailed and the others thrown into the furnace before the mistake was discovered.

So far as New York is concerned, it is those of European birth or parentage who most frequently make the paid public announcement. Sometimes they are amusing in their frankness and ingenuousness. These sometimes contain the postlude, "Mother and son doing well," and one started off with the words: "A loving daughter born to." The climax was capped, however, by one the other day that closed in this wise:

"A 12-pound boy. Thanks to Drs. So and So and Such and Such and to Mrs. Blank."

## Our Day Dreams.

The stuff of which our day dreams are made is for the most part of very cheap material. We seldom weave into them the threads of our inmost spiritual life. We build castles in Spain, and forecast adventures in Bohemia. But the castle is without a real master. The hero of the adventure is vague and misty. We do not clearly recognize his face, or know what is in his heart.—Henry Van Dyke.

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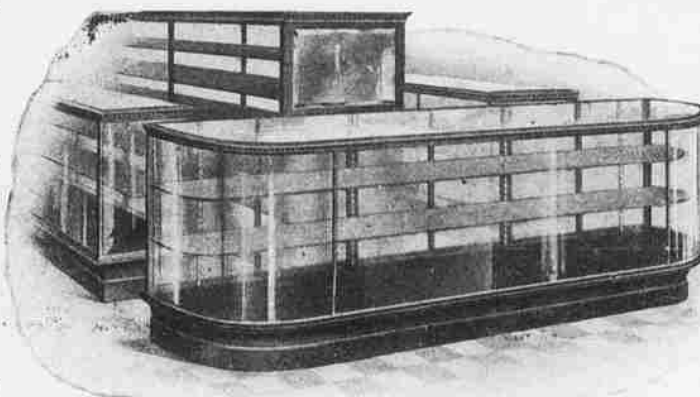
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