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OIL UPON THE WATERS.

Why It Tames the Billows and Calms the Troubled Sea.

Waves in mid-ocean are caused entirely by the action of the wind. The adhesion between the rapidly moving particles of air which compose the wind and the surface particles of the water causes the water's surface to be dragged along with the air. Small ripples are immediately formed. These ripples soon overtake others hence water waves cannot grow in an area of oil placed about a steamer. They begin to fall down instead. By the time these waves reach the boat they will have lost their formative ripples, and the result is a perfectly calm surface over the portion of the sea through which the boat is making its way.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Wagon Wheel Paradox. A very interesting paradox is the one concerning an ordinary wagon wheel, which is solid and rigid, yet, when fastened on its axle on a wagon, when the wagon moves part of the circumference of the wheel which is in contact with the ground is for an instant at absolute rest, while the point directly perpendicular to it is flying along at a high rate of speed. The two points are traveling pretty fast, but only half as fast as the topmost point, and as the upgoing horizontal point increases in speed the downgoing one slows up until it is at rest for a moment when in contact with the ground. Yet the wheel is one solid piece and there are only two points going at the same rate of speed at the same time. Yet if the wheel is taken off the axle and rolled down an incline every point of the circumference moves at the same rate of speed.

DIPLOMATIC FORMS.

The "Protocol" is "the Code of International Politeness."

In these days of official notes and replies the public is becoming familiar with the language of the diplomatic document, and even those who never learn of the famous protocol, which lies in the archives of the foreign office in Paris, must have noticed the similarity of form which characterizes such expressions. The "protocolle diplomatique" which was probably drawn up in the time of Louis XIV., is a body of ceremonial rules to be observed in all written or personal official intercourse between the heads of different states or their ministers. It goes into the minutest details as to the styles and titles to be given to states, their heads and their public ministers, and indicates "the forms and courtesies to be observed in all international acts."

The protocol is, in fact, what M. Pradier-Fodere, a well known authority on the subject, has described it, "the code of international politeness," for, as time went on, all nations gradually began to adopt the same forms, until today the code may be said to be practically universal in its application. It devotes special attention to such matters as the ending of a letter. Thus, as a recent writer has pointed out, when the British foreign minister concludes a letter to the British ambassador at Washington with the words, "I am, with great truth and respect, sir, your obedient, humble servant," he is governed by precedent even in such a detail as giving "sir" a line to itself.—Christian Science Monitor.

FIGHTS TO THE LAST GASP.

The Pecary is a Vicious Pig, and is Without Fear or Mercy.

An old "Arkansas razorback" is considered by native hunters as no less dangerous than a bear and far more likely to attack a human being without provocation; the wild boar of England and the continent was renowned in sport because it would fight and fight hard; the African wart hog, which weighs 300 pounds and has tusks eight inches long, shows little fear of any antagonist meaner than a lion, but of all the hog tribe the most vicious, "stick at nothing" daredevil is the javelina. Not only does it fight to its last breath with a berserker rage, but is a disciplined warrior that never was known to ignore the "battle cry" of its clan.

In the southwest a hunter before firing into a drove of javelinas carefully inspects the trees for one that he can easily climb. However skillful he was with a rifle, he could hardly expect to stop the charge of a dozen or more javelinas, and if they reached him he would have no chance. Once the pecaries got him down they would never cease their shrill, fighting squeals until they had torn him to shreds; hence the rule in the javelina country is to climb your tree first and shoot your pig afterward—shoot it so dead that it cannot emit a single squeal; otherwise you must be prepared to roost in the tree for half a day or so.—Youth's Companion.

They Simply Won't Be Married.

Several young men were recently asked by a writer in the Woman's Home Companion why they refused to be married. Their answers throw considerable light on what is becoming a national problem. One said that girls are too clever for the men nowadays—that he wanted "just a wife," and the girl he had been engaged to marry was making more money than he was and refused to give up her work. Another complained of the expensive tastes of the modern young woman, another that he had set out to accomplish certain things before marrying. Still another refused to be sentenced to hard labor for life, and one complained that the local girls were "a bit narrow."

THE EVENING BANNER

BENNINGTON - VERMONT

Monday, May 7, 1917.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Pamphlets on home gardening may be obtained from the Bennington County Improvement association, Room 6, Savings banks building.

The Hawks barn on Union street will be open for delivering seed potatoes Tuesday afternoon 4 to 5:30; Thursday evening 7 to 8:30 and Saturday afternoon. 8412

The meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Second Congregational church which was scheduled for this week Tuesday will be postponed until further notice.

As there are several matters of importance to come before the regular meeting of the Foresters this evening at 8 o'clock, every member is requested to be present.

Grand Knight P. J. Pendergast and Joseph J. Cumming of Bennington council, Knights of Columbus, have gone to Bellows Falls to attend the state convention of the order.

The Ponkaweas are in "The Trouble at Brewsters". Help them out at the Second Congregational chapel, Tuesday evening, May 8 at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Adv.

Mr. Anthony Lodge P. & A. M. will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 8th for the purpose of working the Entered apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. Lodge will open promptly at 7:30 p. m.

Circle C of the Second Congregational church will hold a sale of second hand clothing in the chapel beginning Wednesday afternoon. Contributions will kindly leave articles at the chapel Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. H. Gentry of Cambridge, who has been the guest of her daughter Mrs. S. H. Hawks of North street, for the past few days, left today for Flint, Michigan, where she will make a visit. Mrs. Hawks accompanied her as far as Troy.

Miss Alice Morrissey, who was called here by the death of her grandfather, the late John Morrissey, returned Sunday to New York city, where she attends Wadleigh high school. Her brother, John, has returned to the University of Vermont.

The weather Sunday was not conducive to motoring, but a goodly number ventured out. The two roads to Hoosick were reported to be in especially bad shape, the others leading out of the village being a little better, but not in the best condition after the rain.

Weather and Sky.

The old remark about a red evening and a gray morning as indicating good weather, alluded to in the gospel of St. Matthew still holds good, as well as that which says that a red sky in the morning foretells bad weather, with much rain and perhaps wind. One of these remarks has taken form in "A red sky at night is the sailors' delight; a red sky at morning is the sailors' warning."

Sciatica Only a Symptom.

Dr. Mark H. Royster points out in the Journal of the American Medical Association that sciatica is not a disease, but a symptom and almost always of strain in the joints of the lower part of the spine. Therefore the usual methods of treating it are useless except in so far as they may relieve the pain.

Revised.

"Mamma, can me and Tommy have some cake?" asked little Ruth. "Not unless you ask grammatically," replied her mother. "Well, then," said she, "may I have a piece of cake?"—Lullaby News.

"THE FOLLIES OF BROADWAY"

Opening Bill of Gracey-Christie Comedy Company

At the Hartie theatre opening today will be one of the very best Tabloid Musical comedy attractions that has been seen in Bennington for some time, namely, the Gracey-Christie Musical Comedy Co. This attraction consists of 14 people, all artists in their respective lines, presenting snappy, up to date musical comedies making a complete change every day. Headed by the novelists is Gracey, introducing his wonderful and original musical novelties, Frank M. Christie eccentric comedian and original scene dancer, Wentworth and Davis the petting song and dance artists, Al Fox aerobic singing and dancing comedian, Alice Hammond, fancy dancer, the mechanical dolls, and others. The opening bill Monday will be "Follies of Broadway." In addition to the aforementioned, "The Land Just Yonder" a six part western picture and Helen Holmes in Chapter No. 12 of "A Lass of the Lumberlands" will be shown. Adv.

Should We Be Told? Should The Boy Be Told?

LAST WEEK the censor bill, that is the so called spy bill, to which the censor clause was attached came up for debate in the House of Representatives and the censor clause was killed by vote, which was perfectly right and proper. Some of the members who voted against it left the chamber—and a trickster of the House, a viper in disguise of an honorable man presented another censor amendment and in the absence of these other Representatives passed it.

If by chance the Senate should do likewise we the people of the United States would be kept in ignorance of the vital issues, the progress and seriousness of the war and the result of battle on land and sea. We would get only that information that one man the censor thought fit for us to have. It needs no argument to prove this an attempted prostitution of all the liberties of speech guaranteed us by that great document the Constitution of the United States.

And now we feel at perfect right to express our opinion of this robbery of the rights of the press and of the people because of our consistent and persistent insistence over a period of twenty five years of public advertising that THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE TOLD THE FACTS, not a few but all of them and in this business we have lain all the business cards face up—and for which we have gained the reputation of being very foolish in a business way for not playing business by modern business rules. Our only answer is results.

And now we offer the advice that you as parents should take your boy into your confidence and tell him as we are telling you how serious a shortage of clothing for him is soon to come. While we have not advanced his wearables except as below outlined it is not going to be very long before this advance will have to come and the boy should know it and save his clothing with extreme care.

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There is no advance on boys' suits other than blues and cords.

Yours for facts as they are and not as we wish they might be.

Chas. G. Cole

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Rules That Army Men Must Always Obey When It Is Played.

In view of the fact that many persons appear doubtful as to proper action when "The Star Spangled Banner" is played the army regulations, applying to members of the army only, are here presented.

Paragraph 378.—Whenever the national anthem is played at any place where persons belonging to the military service are present all officers and enlisted men not in formation shall stand at attention and face toward the music, except retreat, when they shall face toward the flag. If in uniform, covered or uncovered, or in civilian clothes, covered or uncovered, they shall salute at the first note of the anthem, holding the headpiece opposite the left shoulder, and so remain until it close, except that in inclement weather the headpiece may be held slightly raised.

"When played by any army band the national anthem shall be played through without repetition of any part not required to be repeated to make it complete.

"Paragraph 264.—The playing of the national anthem of any country as part of a medley is prohibited."

No Parallels in Nature.

The wise men say there are no parallels in nature, that no one thing in the wide universe exactly mates and matches any other one thing, that each cloud has differed from every other cloud form in any hour of the day and night or day or yesterday, and so on back through the forgotten centuries, and no two leaves in form, color or texture lift the same faces to the sun on any day of the millions of years; that no wave on any beach curves and falls as any wave has curved and fallen before, not since this planet cooled. And so it is with the whirls and the crystals of driving snow, with the sand and splash of rain and so, too, with the flight of birds, the dash and tumble of the restless brook and the roar of lawless thunder and the cry of birds.—F. Hopkinson Smith.

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