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Suffrage in Norway. Among the most important laws enacted by Norway since women have had the vote are the two maternity insurance laws of 1909 and 1915 and the divorce law of 1910.

Since the women in Norway have got the vote," says Ella Anker in Jus Suffragii, "they have turned their chief attention to their rights and duties as wives and mothers. Education and economic independence are the basis of woman's freedom, but her greatest work and happiness will be as wife and mother. It is an astonishing fact that in all these centuries, while men have taught us that woman's place is in the home, they have neglected to prepare us for the chief duties of our home life."

Norwegian women have also given particular strength to the work for "rational housekeeping" by the establishment of a state high school for the education of teachers for the elementary housekeeping schools, to a campaign against consumption and to the support of the peace movement.

Eiffel's Tower. The most famous tower since that of Babel is the Eiffel tower in Paris, a monument to the engineering genius of Gustave Eiffel. The tower of Babel was reared in the hope that it might afford a passage to heaven, but the builders, we are told in Genesis, were felled by their language being confounded.

Gustave Eiffel had no such ambition in rearing the highest edifice the world has ever seen. It is a tower dedicated to science. Its rearing was one of the greatest engineering feats of modern times and was a result of experiments undertaken to prove the greatest limit to which metallic piers in viaducts could be safely pushed. It is now the world's most celebrated wireless telegraph station.

Eiffel tower is 1,000 feet in height and is constructed of iron lattice work, 7,300 tons of iron being used in its construction. A system of elevators carries visitors to the top.

Uncle Sam's Uniforms. An act of congress, approved March 1, 1911, entitled "An act to protect the dignity and honor of the uniform of the United States," provides "that hereafter no proprietor, manager or employee of a theater or other public place of entertainment or amusement in the District of Columbia or in any territory, the district of Alaska or insular possessions of the United States shall make or cause to be made any discrimination against any person lawfully wearing the uniform of the army, navy, revenue cutter service or marine corps of the United States because of that uniform, and any person making or causing to be made such discrimination shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500."

A Curiosity of Sound. If when riding in a balloon at a height, say, of 2,000 feet a charge of gun cotton be fired electrically 100 feet below the car, the report, though really as loud as a cannon, sounds no more than a pistol shot, possibly partly owing to the greater rarity of the air, but chiefly because the sound, having no background to reflect it, simply spends itself in the air. Then, always and under all conditions of atmosphere, there ensues absolute silence until the time for the echo back from earth has fully elapsed, when a deafening outburst of thunder rises from below, rolling on often for more than half a minute.

She Meant Well. The late Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the rigid apostle of temperance, while on a week end visit made the acquaintance of a sharp young lady of seven, to whom on leaving he said: "Now, my dear, we have been talking some time. I am sure you have no idea who I am." "Oh, yes, I have," the little missy replied. "You are the celebrated drunkard."—London Graphic.

TRACING FAKE BILL

Exciting Chase of United States Secret Service Man.

MANY HANDLE COUNTERFEIT.

After Bank Clerk Discovers Spurious Currency, Hunt Leads to Many Cities. Grocer, Original Owner of Bill, Proves to Be Agent For Organized Band of Counterfeiters.

Cleveland, O.—The tracing of counterfeit bills back to the persons responsible for their issue is a curious and exciting employment. The experts assigned by the government to this work are among the most skillful members of the secret service. The protection of the currency depends in large measure upon their efficiency, and the pains they take are almost infinite. The following case is one illustrating the difficulties which the secret service people meet and overcome:

A bank clerk in Cleveland had detected a counterfeit twenty dollar bill



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in the deposit of a small retail grocer. An expert was sent for and undertook the case.

He found that the grocer had received the bill from a shoe dealer, who had it from a dentist, who had it from somebody else, and so on until the secret service man finally traced the note to an invalid woman, who had used it to pay her physician. When questioned this woman said that the money had been sent her by her brother, who lived in New Orleans.

The sleuth looked up the brother's antecedents and soon became convinced that he was the man wanted. The brother, however, soon proved to the satisfaction of the secret service man that his suspicions were unfounded. Indeed, it appeared that the money had been received by the New Orleans man in part payment of rent of a house he owned in Pittsburgh. While the sleuth was a bit discouraged, he couldn't give over the case when he had gone so far, so he took the next train for Pittsburgh.

The tenant of the house in Pittsburgh proved to be a traveling oculist, who spent most of his time in the middle west. The secret service man had the good fortune, however, to catch him just as he had returned from a trip, and the man at once recognized the bad bill as one that had been given him by a patient in Cleveland, the very point where the sleuth had started.

The patient was a boss carpenter. The carpenter, an honest old fellow, said that he had received the bill from a certain Perkins. The said Perkins was the small grocer in whose bank deposit the counterfeit had turned up. The expert flew to the grocer's as quickly as the taxi would take him and found it closed. The grocer had left town.

Afterward it was shown beyond question that the grocer was the agent of an organized band of counterfeiters. His shop was a mere blind. That the bill which he gave the carpenter should get back into his own funds after traveling all over the country was one of those miracles of chance for which there is no explanation.

RAFFLE THREE BACHELORS.

Men Willing to Wed Won by Girls With Lucky Numbers.

Glen Carbon, Ill.—Three "eligible" bachelors guaranteed "good providers" and willing to marry were won by three women at a matrimonial raffle recently as the climax of a dance given by the Glen Carbon Bachelors' club.

The names of the prizes and the holders of the lucky numbers, as given out by Carl Huffman, a member of the club, are:

Joe Clenson, thirty-three, coal miner, of Glen Carbon, won by Miss Maude Fletcher of Glen Carbon.

Charles Hendricks, thirty-eight, marble worker, of Edwardsville, won by Miss Sarah Brown of Denver.

Joe Jiggers, thirty-four, bartender, of Glen Carbon, won by Miss Rose Brown of Denver.

The Misses Brown are sisters. They were not present at the drawing, having sent their numbers and names to two young women of Glen Carbon, who drew for them.

SMILE CURES MIND

Fiancee Helps to Lift Veil When Science Fails.

REASON SLOWLY RETURNS.

Detroit Man Proves Puzzle to Physicians After Partial Asphyxiation in Auto—Sweetheart, in Same Hospital, is Wheeled into His Ward, and Eyes Brightened for First Time.

Detroit, Mich.—A sweetheart's smile won where science failed. The smile lured back a wandering mind that all the little bottles, all the gleaming instruments and all the solemn books had failed to cure.

The case of Arthur Connor, twenty-eight years old, puzzled physicians for days after he was taken to Grace hospital suffering from a form of gas asphyxiation induced by inhaling gasoline fumes from his automobile. He slept for hours, a calm, deep sleep, with normal pulse and respiration, but a sleep that could not be driven out. When it did lift its veil for a few minutes at a time it was found his mind had somehow slipped in its delicate mechanism, and Connor muttered and chattered of things foreign and unconnected with reason.

They dug in his spine and brewed serums, and they tapped with inquisitive fingers and touched the nerves with the wizard flow of electricity and the veins with the gleaming hypodermic. In vain all these things—and then came the cure, a greeting smile and a cheery "Good morning" from the girl he is to marry.

Nelle Winters, dark haired and brown eyed, sought her fiancé, knowing something had happened to prevent the filling of an engagement. She found him after a long search lying in his car in the garage, asleep. He had sat down to rest, and the fumes had overcome him and started the long slumber. But the hunt through the cold day had wrought another misfortune, and Miss Winters found herself threatened by pneumonia in the same hospital with Connor.

She grew better, and, once able to sit in a wheel chair, she demanded to be taken to the side of her sweetheart. They wheeled her in just as one of the moments of his consciousness came. And the eyes that had been filled with vague dreamings suddenly cleared, and the girl's smile and glad greeting found an answer.

"Hello, Nellie! Gee, it's too bad we are both sick in the same place."

It was almost the first rational words he had uttered. The veil fell again, but the doctors had found a key to the mystic door and hope for a complete recovery.

BECOMES A MOTHER AT 62.

Woman Wedded to Young Man Has a Baby in Her Old Age.

Milwaukee, Wis.—"Fifty-eight years years old? My dear boy, they said that about me four years ago when I went to Kenosha with Albert to be married where our friends could not make too much of a hubbub about a disparity in our ages. They said then that he was twenty-five and I was fifty-eight. What of it? Love knows no years."

Thus spoke Mrs. Balone Manzke, a mother at sixty-two or thereabouts, as she fondled the baby girl which some time ago came to their home in Milwaukee to gladden the declining years of the mother and to rejoice the heart of the youthful husband. And it was a real motherhood that Mrs. Manzke portrayed as she played with her own baby, a mother with her hair showing the advance of years in its suggestion of gray.

Four years ago the couple went from Zion City to Kenosha to be married. The husband is an expert chemist in a Milwaukee laboratory which specializes on perfumery.

JERSEY TEACHER A HEROINE.

Prevents Panic Among 150 Children; Fights Fire in School.

Paterson, N. J.—Miss Bertha Ruth, a teacher in public school annex No. 4, in the basement of St. Stanislaus' Polish Catholic church, Garfield, by cool action prevented a panic among the 150 children and also saved the church from destruction by fire when Stephen Westcombe mischievously dropped a match into a hole in one of the partitions.

When smoke issued from the opening there was a stir and the pupils in Miss Ruth's class moved uneasily. "Be calm, children," said Miss Ruth without the slightest touch of emotion, "and file quietly into the yard."

Her command was obeyed, and the children quickly left the room. Then Miss Ruth notified the teachers in the other classes to dismiss the pupils. The children thought it was a fire drill and moved out in order, the whole annex being emptied in half a minute.

BOMB BY MAIL BLINDS YOUTH.

Plainfield Youth Thought Can Was Powder From Friend.

Plainfield, Conn.—Joseph Emil Sevigny, a young Frenchman who lives here, received a can of powder through the mail. After shaving he started to shake some of it out, thinking it was talcum. It wasn't. It was an infernal device, which exploded, lacerating his face and blinding both eyes.

Sevigny knows of no one who would wish to kill him, he says. Investigation by the police showed powerful explosives, steel fragments and coarse sandpaper were in the can. The pack was postmarked Taftville.

TIED DUCK WITH CRAVAT.

Left Diamond Stud on It, and That May Account For Turkey Find.

Cuero, Tex.—What Thomas Lovett of this county believes to be the previous history of the recent story from Chicago telling of a diamond stud valued at \$150 found in the craw of a Thanksgiving turkey had its inception in a duck hunt here.

According to Lovett's story, while hunting two years ago he slightly wounded a duck and decided to carry the bird home. He used his necktie to bind the bird's feet, neglecting to remove a diamond stud fastened therein. Placing the supposedly helpless bird in the rear of his conveyance, he started home, when a flutter a few minutes later attracted his attention. He turned in time to see the duck flying off with his necktie dangling from its feet. Cuero is in the center of a large turkey raising portion of Texas, and many of the birds, which roam over a large range, find their way to the Chicago market.

Mr. Lovett so far has entered no claim to the stud.

"GLAZE," NEW WEATHER WORD

Old Fashioned "Sleet" Will Be Out of Style This Winter.

Washington.—The old fashioned "sleet" is going out of style this winter before the newer "ice storm" and "glaze," weather bureau officials reported in their campaign for more accurate terminology for various kinds of frozen rain. Sleet is officially described as small globules of rain frozen before striking the earth. When rain freezes after falling and forms a glassy coating on the ground, trees and wires the condition is called a glaze, and when this is severe and accompanied by wind, it is reported as an ice storm. The weather bureau hopes to eliminate what it considers improper use of the word "sleet," as it has caused substitution of the term "tornado" for "cyclone" when a violent storm of small diameter is meant.

TATTOOS HIS DAY OLD BABE.

Convicted German Military Attache Takes No Chances.

San Francisco.—His coat of arms sketched in indelible ink on the wrist of his baby daughter gives assurance to Lieutenant G. W. von Brincken, military attache of the German consulate here, that his young wife will carry away no other couple's child when she leaves the hospital where their first-born came into the world.

In a panic at the sight of numerous other infants in the hospital nursery Von Brincken, lately convicted of complicity in the munitions plots involving the German consulate, catechized the nurses on their methods of identification. Not satisfied with their system, he called for ink and pen.

WOMAN OF 82 ELOPES.

Her Daughter Seeks to Be Appointed Guardian of Her Estate.

Bellefontaine, O.—Securing restoration of her right to manage her own property by securing the dismissal of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Fulwider, as her guardian, Cora Woodbury on the following day filed an application in the Champaign county court to be appointed guardian for her mother, who owns property valued at several thousand dollars.

It was the announcement that the mother, who is eighty-two years old, had eloped to Newport, Ky., and there married Joel Bates, sixty-two years old, that caused the daughter to petition the court to appoint her a guardian for her mother.

WOMEN'S CLOTHES IN LEAD.

Head in Value All Manufactures in New York State.

Albany, N. Y.—A special report from the United States census bureau shows that the chief manufacture in New York state is the production of women's clothing, goods of that kind to the value of \$345,316,000 having been turned out in 1914. Printing and publishing came next, with an output of \$257,269,000. Next was men's clothing, \$230,627,000.

Other productions were foundry and machine shop products, \$175,450,000; slaughtering and meat packing, \$148,106,000; bread and other bakery products, \$109,228,000. The total value of all manufactured products was \$3,814,661,000.

GOT \$1,000 FOR EYE.

Young Man Then Lost Money on a Celebration Trip.

Monessen, Pa.—Michael Kamar, aged twenty-nine, who received \$1,000 compensation because of the loss of an eye while at work in a Pittsburgh steel mill, is now bemoaning his desire to celebrate because of his newly acquired wealth.

When Michael got his money he immediately arranged for a trip to New York, with a stop at Ashtabula as a side issue. He started one day at noon, an hour after he had the compensation check cashed, and in less than a half hour was minus his thousand. He continued his journey to Ashtabula, but returned home and said he would get a job.

Buried Twenty Minutes and Lives.

Lawrence, Kan.—After being completely buried at the bottom of an eighteen foot ditch for twenty minutes, Wayne Richardson, a laborer from Clay Center, who was working on the construction work in the draining district of North Lawrence, was rescued alive without apparent injury one day recently.

COUPLE WED SEVENTY YEARS WITHOUT STRIFE

Married Pair Celebrate Their Anniversary of Life in Happiness.

Glasgow, Mo.—J. P. Bentley, ninety years old, and his wife, Mrs. Susan Frisbee Bentley, eighty-eight years of age, were married seventy years ago and never had a fuss. They recently celebrated their anniversary. They live near Forest Green.

Mr. Bentley, who has lived all his life on his farm and still runs the 600 acre tract himself, is rated one of the wealthiest men in Chariton county, having amassed a fortune of between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Both he and his wife were born on adjoining farms. When they were wed they agreed that if either became angry the other should take cognizance of it and preserve an unruffled demeanor. This, they say, is the secret of their smooth relations.

Nine children, five of whom are living, were born to the union. The five are T. M. Bentley, Salisbury, Mo.; S. J. Bentley, Forest Green; William Bentley and Mrs. William La Motte, Roanoke, Mo., and Mrs. Lloyd Herring, Forest Green.

The Bentley farm descended to its present owner from his father, who obtained it from the government by grant in 1815.

OUTDOOR SHOWMEN GO ON RECORD FOR UPLIFT

Will Endeavor to Check Unjust Attacks on Their Business. Sunday Sends Message.

New York.—In these days of uplift movements the statement of the newly organized Association of the Outdoor Showmen of the World that its chief purpose in life is to uplift and purify the outdoor show business has attracted attention. The association is a unique aggregation of outdoor show interests, embracing every variety of outdoor amusement enterprises, from the big exposition and circus to the fair, carnival and concession men, and its officers are carrying on a wide campaign to secure membership in all parts of the world.

One of the outdoor showmen's announcements, made at the organization meeting and banquet at the Hotel Astor, was that of President Frank P. Spellman, who in explaining the scope of the organization said that Billy Sunday had been invited to become a member and to attend the banquet, as it was recognized that "he is the greatest showman of us all." Billy Sunday in acknowledging the letter of introduction said in characteristic fashion, "You fellows could go some for God if you would."

"We have more practical objects, of course, than the ethical uplift of the outdoor show business," said President Spellman. "We propose to exert our influence to make certain that we get a square deal in the various state legislatures. We will have legal representatives in every city, and we will correct other abuses that we believe exist. We will endeavor to check unjust attacks made on the outdoor show business and to secure fair and equitable treatment. We believe the public will be with us in this campaign."

LACE GROWS ON TREES.

Panama Product May Take Place of Mosquito Netting.

New Orleans, La.—Lace grows on trees on the isthmus of Panama, and the trees grow wild in the swamps. Captain L. W. Richards of the steamship Norwalk brought a fine sample, not merely as a curiosity, but to induce tests as to the probable utility of the plant or the tree in this section.

When the bark of the limbs is stripped there are rolls of filmy substance of a texture very much like mosquito netting. The size of these layers increases with the size of the tree, the largest being about a foot in diameter. The fabric is strong and can be sewn without tearing.

The natives use the stuff in making garments. Captain Richards believes that by cultivation the trees may become very valuable, and if the lace layers cannot be enlarged some process may be perfected by which they can be joined into a fabric which will make the finest mosquito bar and may even serve for summer raiment.

POTATO PROFIT 108 PER CENT

That's What South Jersey Farmers Earned on Their Stock.

Woodstown, N. J.—Farmers are prosperous, at least down in southern New Jersey, where a large percentage of New York city's potatoes are grown. The South Jersey Farmers' exchange declared a 100 per cent stock dividend and an 8 per cent cash dividend.

The exchange is a co-operative selling organization, with 750 farmers as members. At its sixteen stations last year 907 carloads of white potatoes were handled at an average price of 90 cents a bushel. It did a total business in 1916 of \$1,087,347.70, with a net profit of \$31,257.79. This was the biggest year since its organization in 1909.

Triplets Follow Twins.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Mrs. Joseph Marckink, wife of a miner east of the city, gave birth to triplets, and all are doing well. The mother is thirty six years old and the husband forty-seven. A year ago the mother gave birth to twins, who still live. The triplets make ten living children.

A TIRELESS PRINCE

Bavarian Chief Sleeps but Four Hours a Day.

IS STERN DRIVER OF MEN.

Rupprecht Man on Whom Fell Task of Directing German Defense Against Allies' Great Somme Attack—One of Best Known Archaeologists and Famous Art Collector.

Berlin.—Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the man on whom fell the task of directing the German defense against the allies' great Somme attack, is one of the few many sided men in Europe's royal circles. Rupprecht is one of the ablest of the German generals, schooled in military tactics, a hard driving sort of man. He is one of the best known European archaeologists and is a famous art collector.

But Rupprecht differs mostly from the rest of his royal kinsmen by his insatiable love of work. It is his boast that he works longer hours than any other man in the kingdom of Bavaria, over which he is destined to rule. This grim faced, cold eyed Teuton is one of the most inveterate time steal-



PRINCE RUPPRECHT.

ers in Europe, if stories that are circulated about him are anything like true. It is said that the revelers in Munich, going home past the royal residence, always could tell whether it was 4 o'clock in the morning. If it was that hour a light was sure to be burning in the prince's study. Four hours is the maximum amount of sleep he permits himself, and in that respect he is like his old regent, Luitpold, his grandfather, who lived to be past eighty years old.

Life has brought much of sorrow and little of pleasure to the Bavarian prince. His wife, who was a sister of the queen of the Belgians, died in 1912 after several years of invalidism. Their marriage in 1900 was the culmination of a genuine love affair. Four of their five children have died, one of them while Rupprecht was at the battle front. When he was notified of his son's death he sent this laconic message to his father: "Duty commands action, not tears, at this moment."

Rupprecht has one of the finest art galleries of Germany and has a wide knowledge of antiques of all sorts. In his spare moments he is almost certain to be found in the museums of Munich, of which he is perhaps the most liberal patron.

Military observers differ as to Rupprecht's work in the present war. At the start of it he achieved some success on the Lorraine front, but he was blamed for the German failure at Neuve Chapelle. There is no doubt, however, that he displayed great military ability in handling the defense on the Somme. He is unsparing of his men, as he is of himself, and it is safe to wager that the Germans will lose no battle because of tenderness on the part of Rupprecht of Bavaria.

He is in direct line of succession to the throne of Bavaria, outside of Prussia probably the most important German state.

Clock Takes Vacation.

Middleport, O.—Morgan Johnson, a newspaper distributor here, bought a clock in 1881. It ran along very cheerfully until about nine years ago, when it stopped stock still. No amount of persuasion would start it again. The other day his sister Retta was dusting when she happened to touch it, whereupon it started off as vigorously as at first, and it has been keeping good time and striking the hours ever since.

BREAKS ARM WHILE CHASING HIS HAT
Nelsonville, N. Y. — Philip Gardiner broke his right arm in his haste to jump from a moving train when a wanton breeze lifted his hat through the car window and landed it in a clump of weeds. Despite his injury he beamed when he found on the top piece. He had sewed inside the band \$842 in bills.