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Rescue Cage.

Less thrilling than being rescued and carried down on a swaying ladder, but much more practical, is a new rescue cage. When the fire ladder is thrown against a burning building it carries with it a wire cable attached to a steel cage. Like an elevator without a shaft the cage hangs from its pulley at the top of the ladder, within easy reach of the windows. It is lowered by turning the cable drum on the fire truck below, and will carry four passengers safely.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Bright Rupert.

The lesson was on the rabbit. "The rabbit has long ears, fur on its body, and a tail, nothing to speak of, though," the master informed the class. The next day he wanted to see what they knew about it. "Now, then, Rupert," he barked to a particularly bright youth, "tell me something about the rabbit." "The rabbit has a tail," said Rupert, eyeing his silent fellows triumphantly, "but it mustn't talk about it."

Just So.

She was teaching the word "element" to a sixth grade. She had told them its meaning—the substances of which a thing is composed—and then had illustrated her definition by saying that the elements of the earth were water and soil.

Then she asked them to write sentences containing the word. And this is the one Henry wrote: "Water is one of the elements of milk."

ARE OF CHRISTIAN ORIGIN

Possibly Less Than Half the People of the Ottoman Empire Have Moslem Ancestry.

"Probably less than half of the men, women and children called Turks owe their ancestry to the Mongol and Moslem tribesmen who migrated from inner Asia to Anatolia," says George D. White, D. D., in the American Review of Reviews. "Probably the larger part are of ancestry once reckoned Christian. This is confirmed by the fact that the physical characteristics of Mongols have largely faded out. They visibly persist in some, notably in Tartars immigrant from the Crimea or the Balkan states, whose lineage is comparatively pure. This but emphasizes the differences in the case of the Anatolian stock.

"In the heart of what we call the Turkish empire approximately one-fourth of the population are avowedly Christian; approximately a fourth of the remainder, the Shias, are nearer in sentiment to Christians than to regular Mohammedans; a majority of the whole are of Christian origin. Force has held them together until now, but blood will tell, and the principle of reversion to type cannot be escaped. After careful observations continued during many years of residence in the country I am convinced that the Mohammedan Turks do not increase in numbers, possibly as the penalty of nature for the permission of polygamy, while the Ottoman Christians do increase rapidly unless

checked by periods of massacre. If, then, some two million to five million Mongol immigrants filtered into Asia Minor, their descendants possibly reach those numbers today; the rest of the population is to be credited with Christian ancestry."

TO RESTORE FAMOUS PARK

Bowling Green, With Its Ancient Fence, Will Again Become Show-place of New York.

Modern New York will probably better appreciate its Bowling Green fence, recovered and restored to view by the Broadway association, for the incidental publicity of the restoration. When the fence was new, Bowling Green was an important part of the town, and the New Yorkers of 1770 considered it well worth while to import the fence from England and pay £800 for it. One is reminded that, shortly before the fence was put up, the loyal citizens, grateful for the repeal of the Stamp act, had adorned Bowling Green with a leaden equestrian statue of George III. For a while fence and statue stood there together: then the Revolution came, and the "Liberty Boys" pulled the statue from its pedestal. The fence remained till 1814, minus the gilt crowns that the "Liberty Boys" had hammered off the tops of the fence posts, but the famous park, lost in the growing city, was gradually neglected. When the fence returns to it, the park will be replanted with shrubbery, and Bowling Green made as much as possible like its historic self.—Christian Science Monitor.

Insisted on Showing His Patriotism.

He was full of patriotism, was the elderly man walking up State street the other evening, and it is possible that an unprejudiced observer might have suspected that he had taken something else aboard during the hours just past. At any rate, he was most patriotic and the sight of a sturdy doughboy gladdened his wandering eyes. The boy was acting as convoy to two maidens fair and wasn't particularly anxious to be sorted out for hero decoration at that moment, but the elderly man was not to be denied. He took off his cap with a flourish worthy the days of chivalry; he loudly proclaimed his everlasting obligation and appreciation of the courageous soldiery that saved the world; he insisted on shaking hands, not once but thrice at least, with the young man whom he called "Th' savior of th' country"—and he looked at the girls as if he thought his patriotism, expressed and partially understood, entitled him to an introduction to them. The doughboy made his escape as quickly as he could, blushing exceedingly. And as he went along he confided to the girls: "Gee, I wish I would have got overseas as easy as the old geezer got half seas over."—Hartford Courant.

The Knightly Pledge.

"Wats this Knights Commander of the Bath decoration they're hanging onto our generals over in England?" asked one wounded doughboy of another.

"Huh!" exclaimed his companion from Tennessee. "Reckon that must be th' prohibition division of the British service. All they gets to drink is the two well-known waters—hot and cold."

Not Exactly.

"Mother," said a small girl, after contemplating her baby brother for some time, "was I a baby once?"

"Yes, dear; we were all babies once."

"You and daddy, mother?"

"Yes."

"And grandfather?"

"Yes, of course!"

"What, mother!" exclaimed the child incredulously, "with that beard!"

China After Industries.

Chinese government agents have been sent to several countries to study the manufacture of telegraph and telephone equipment with a view to producing all such apparatus at home.

FOR BEAUTY, NO PLUMBING

French Chateau Owner Had Americans Remove Modern Improvements They Had Installed.

In our anxiety to get results in France we were often tactless from a French point of view. This cause of irritation was exaggerated by our general ignorance of the language. I wonder if the American schools, after this, will teach us speaking French instead of the book French they taught in my generation?

And we ran into certain French peculiarities which we found it hard to understand. For example, early in our war a fine old chateau near Bordeaux was leased for a headquarters. By the terms of the lease we were to leave everything exactly as we found it. The chateau in its four or five hundred years of existence had never known sanitary plumbing; the owners bathed

in wash basins or rubber tubs. Expecting to stay a long time we installed, by permission, drains, bathtubs, toilets, a water-heating system.

When, last January, we ended the lease and moved out the officer who conducted the business offered to leave the plumbing where it was, since its removal would cost as much as it was worth. The French owner refused. We had to take out our plumbing. What he wanted from that chateau was not sanitation, but venerable beauty, and the sense that he dwelt in the same identical home as his ancestor of the tenth generation back.

The American finds it hard to understand such a point of view; and he is a bit brusque in expressing his opinion thereon.—Will Irwin in the Saturday Evening Post.

FLYERS TO HUNT OUTLAWS

Cotton Plantations Planted in Defiance of Authority Seen Easily From the Air.

The department of agriculture has adapted the airplane to its needs, and plans to have a large fleet of machines to serve the farmer, lumberman and orchardist during the next six months, according to an announcement from Washington recently, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The machines will be used to find forest fires, map out forest and other surveys and to act as detectives to find outlaw cotton planters in Texas, Arizona and southern California.

Lieutenant Comper at Ellington a year ago investigated the cotton situation. Owing to danger of an invasion of pink bollworm from Mexico it was necessary to create restricted safety zones where no cotton could be grown. Certain outlaw planters in land surrounded by heavy forests have defied the government and planted in these districts, which are difficult to find. The young Californian took a camera with him, cruised over the forests at a 7,000-foot altitude, and snapped seven outlaw fields. The fields were destroyed. Comper has been released from service and will soon return to California to organize the agricultural aviation scout work on this coast.

Find a Moth Exterminator.

Experiments of the bureau of entomology, United States department of agriculture, have demonstrated that naphthalene is uniformly effective in protecting woolens from clothes moth infection and in killing all stages of the insect. A red cedar chest readily killed all adult moths and showed considerable killing effect upon young larvae. It did not prevent the hatching of eggs, but killed all the resulting larvae almost immediately. Red cedar chips and shavings, while not entirely effective in keeping the adult moths from laying eggs on the flannel treated, appeared to protect it from appreciable damage when used liberally.—Des Moines Register.

Trench Mortar Regiment.

The wartime organization of trench mortar batteries with the divisions is to be abandoned in favor of a single trench mortar regiment, which will be organized as a part of the army artillery to be assigned for duty by the army commander. Trench guns resulted from stabilized trench warfare, and the divisional batteries lost their usefulness excepting under special conditions when the allied attack turned the warfare into an open struggle. For that reason, the trench mortar units of all divisions were among the first to be sent home.

Submarine Not Yet Perfect.

In spite of the fact that the British have some steam-driven 2,700-ton submarines capable of a surface speed of from 23 to 25 knots, the submarine as a weapon of war is too slow and too blind when it is submerged to be considered a serious weapon of naval warfare. When it can see electrically to a distance of ten to fifteen miles while it is submerged so deeply as to be invisible to the air scout, and when it can steam 20 knots submerged it will dominate the naval situation, says Scientific American.

Rival of the X-Ray.

A physician has contrived a simple camera that seems to rival the X-ray in a limited field. Into a light-proof box, containing the member to be examined, he admits light from a tungsten lamp, filtered to pass only red rays. Passing through the hand or foot the red light strikes, at the bottom of the box, a photographic plate highly sensitized with an eosin solution. An exposure of one-half second makes the shadow picture.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

PROPER AMERICAN IS S.M.S.

Many Reasons Why Rear Admiral Has Obtained and Retains General's Popular Reputation.

For Admiral's Fine career credit is due to the other day, since a

speech or two, and when he left he had Washington hanging to his very abbreviated jacket tail. Folks here certainly did like the admiral. A popular idol that obtains the plaudits of Washington is pretty good.

These are some of the things the people liked about the admiral: He said very positively that he will not write a book on the war; he referred to the navy's part in the war as its "stunt"; he boosted General Pershing to the skies, indicating that the admiral is without a jealous streak; he referred jocularly to himself as "the only rear admiral in captivity," and said he was glad to exhibit himself if the folks wanted to see him; and, best of all, he took time to talk with every one who could squeeze a word into his ears.

Down at the Union station, when the admiral was boarding his private car, a gray-haired woman rushed up and shook his hand warmly.

"This is the proudest day of my life, admiral," she said. "I now have shaken hands twice with you."

"All right, my dear lady," the admiral replied, raising his cap. "I'm glad if meeting me pleases you. Come around again the next time I'm in town and we'll shake a third time."

If any further proof that the admiral is human were needed, it might be stated that he plays a rattling game of handball.—Washington Star.

Use for Rat Skins.

Exhibiting the cured skin of a brown rat, the veterinary inspector of Newcastle, Eng., has pronounced such skins superior to the linings found in some expensive coats. The difficulty in creating a ratskin industry appears to be the uncertain source of supply; but the demand that would be aroused would be an incentive for destroying the rats that now constitute so serious a plague. The bodies of the animals need not be wasted, as they form suitable food for pigs, poultry and dogs.

Didn't Know the Groom.

"I made a terrible break today." "That so?" "Yes. You know I went to Lillian's wedding." "Yes." "Well, the other day I met Lillian on the street, and I didn't recognize the man with her as the groom."

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