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National Pure Food and Drugs Act.

The Garfield Tea Company's preparations comply in every respect with the requirements of The National Pure Food and Drugs Act, June 30th, 1906. Serial No. 384, assigned by the Government, will appear on every package of their goods.

Australia's Chief Engineer.

T. Roberts, chief mechanical engineer of the South Australian government, has been appointed, subject to the ratification of the various Australian governments, consulting mining engineer for the whole of Australia, with an office in London. The nomination comes from the Australian commissioner of railways.

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To Utilize Power of Tides.

A group of several engineers and capitalists, headed by William O. Weber, of Boston, believe they have revolutionized the industrial system by a new device utilizing the power of the tides so as to manufacture compressed air. A plant is about to be erected at South Thomaston, Me., to demonstrate the value of this invention.



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Reign of the Plug Hat.

The plug hat is a decidedly uncomfortable article of wear. But it is picturesque. Who is there but can remember with affection some old childhood character whose distinguishing mark was a battered plug hat that had survived the shocks and the wrecks of half a hundred seasons? The plug hat is associated with the village doctor, the lean and sawn minister and the local undertaker. Perhaps the school teacher had one, too, and it is certain that we can recall distinctly the day that father was elected to the legislature and was presented with a hat by his admiring friends. It will be a long time before the plug hat becomes actually extinct. The plug hat is a thing that never wears out, says the Kansas Journal. It becomes tattered and generally disreputable, it is true, but this is a condition that seems to endear it that much more in the affections of the possessor. The plug hat has survived the warming pan and the snuff box. When all things else have succumbed to the tide of time, the plug hat has held its own on the heads of its devotees.

The Skulker and the Hustler.

Accidents and exceptions for individual reasons aside, the young man whose chief effort has been to avoid working more than his pay called for and who has carried this as the governing principle of his life, has been a greater or less failure. When he himself has reached middle life and has begun to complain because other men have got ahead of him, he looks everywhere but in the right place for the reason. The place is himself and the reason is that he made the mistake of never doing as well as he could, because he was afraid of cheating himself. What he actually did was to cheat himself in the worst way, says the New Bedford, Mass., Standard. There is, as a rule, no escape from the truth that unless a man gives the best there is in him he will never get the best there is for him. Careers which look like exceptions to this rule are due either to peculiar conditions such as do not arise in ordinary lives or else the appearance is deceptive.

Japan a Practical Nation.

Marvelous is the fortune of Japan. The only nation that might stay her continental strides toward empire is paralyzed by revolutionary struggles against a government whose existence is a monstrous anachronism. The nations which must meet her on the world-wide field of industrial war have tied their own hands with vain economic theories belonging to a dead time. There is no nation so practical as the Japanese. What is best to be done, that thing they do. Their constitution is not invoked to inhibit the general welfare and stay up the privileges of a plutocracy. Dead governmental theories of a bygone age are dead to them and they modify their political philosophy to suit the future. Though they worship their ancestors, remarks the Portland Oregonian, they care less than any other people for time-worn opinions. The things that we believe theoretically they put in practice.

Chess is the national game of Japan. All will admit that it is a scientific and highly interesting game, but Americans want a game that moves along more rapidly. Baseball is good enough for us.

Much of the spring poetry written is not necessarily for publication, but as a guaranty of good faith.

At the time of his marriage a man thinks he is getting a better half, but later on he may discover that he has a counterfeit on his hands.

Give Defiance Starch a fair trial—try it for both hot and cold starching, and if you don't think you do better work, in less time and at smaller cost, return it and your grocer will give you back your money.

Held to Life to the Last.

An old woman, who has just died at Wisbech, Germany, at the age of 84, wrote her own obituary notice on the day before her death and also made a list of all the friends to whom she wished memorial cards to be sent.

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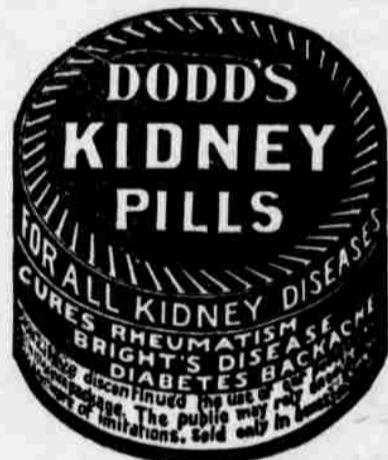
Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Norway's famous arctic explorer, now minister to Gerat Britain, makes light of the sympathy expressed by many persons anent the "hardships" of travelers. He says: "There never was such misplaced sympathy as commiserating a man who has lived in the wilds. Most men who travel in out-of-the-way parts of the world do so because they like it. People who live in the center of what is called civilization do not understand, cannot realize, the spell that getting close to nature, battling with nature, has on the heart." He does not believe in the use of alcoholic beverages, holding that while liquor will raise the temperature for a few minutes, after that it falls lower than before.

BIRD TRAVELS WITH GIRAFFE

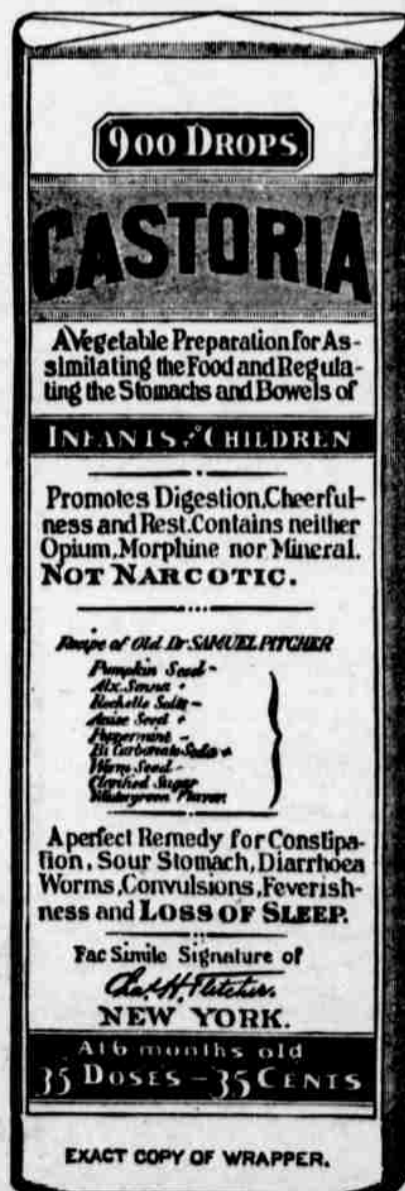
Red Billed Weaver Constant Companion of Animal Skyscraper.

The red-billed weaver bird is a constant companion of the giraffe, perching itself upon the withers and flying along when its host takes to flight, and immediately alighting again on its back at the first opportunity. The only means of defense or offense by the giraffe is by means of its hoofs, and the blows it can deliver by kicking are of tremendous power. The old males during the breeding season fight in this manner a good deal, and the female employs the same means in defending her young against carnivorous animals.

Giraffes are very swift of foot, and it requires a very fleet horse to run them down. Experienced hunters, however, charge them at full speed, and by this means are often able to run into them, and if the giraffes are fat they will soon become "blown." When running, the tail is twisted in a corkscrew fashion over the back and the hind legs at each step are thrown on the outside of the forelegs, giving a very grotesque straddling appearance. The giraffe is mute, but he has a very keen sense of hearing and of smell.



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