

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PERSONS

Simeon E. Baldwin Says Insurance Would End Wars.



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At the recent conference on international arbitration, held at Lake Mohawk, N. Y., Simeon E. Baldwin, ex-governor of Connecticut, suggested that insurance would end wars. "Insuring nations against pecuniary loss in wars would tend to discourage war for the capitalists, and granting the insurance would then work for peace in the interests of their bank accounts," said Mr. Baldwin.

Ex-Governor Baldwin is famous in New England as a lawyer. He has been chief justice of the supreme court of Connecticut, president of the American Bar association and has written books on law and history. In 1911 he was elected chief executive of Connecticut and on the expiration of his two year term was chosen to succeed himself. He is a Democrat.

The governor's father, Roger Sherman Baldwin, was also a noted lawyer in his day. In 1839 he was the principal attorney in a suit that was celebrated not alone in this country, but in Europe. Slaves, a ship load of them, on the way to Cuba, poured out of the hold at a signal, overcame the officers and took possession of the vessel. An American ship, finding them adrift, towed them into the harbor of New York. Spain claimed that the slaves were the property of Spanish planters and speculators. Abolitionists in the north defended the Africans. The case went to the United States supreme court finally and was argued for the black men by Governor Baldwin's father, John Quincy Adams, being his assistant. His skill, learning and thoroughness caused the renowned Chancellor Kent to say that he was one of the ablest jurists of his time.

Crown Prince of Greece.

In the event of Greece taking up arms in the European war Prince George, heir apparent to the throne of the Hellenes, is likely to become a figure of importance. His father, King Constantine, has been reported to be in feeble health, and in the event of the king's death or incapacity Prince George would be either king or regent. The young man was born in July, 1890, and is therefore twenty-five years of



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PRINCE GEORGE OF GREECE.

age. During the Balkan wars a couple of years ago the young prince was an active participant in the fighting.

On his father's side Prince George is of Danish and Russian blood. He was born at Athens, is a member of the Greek national church and is thoroughly Greek at heart, as his father is also. His mother was Princess Sophia of Prussia, sister of the present German kaiser, so Prince George is a nephew of Emperor William II. Relationship, however, doesn't count for much in European affairs once the sword is drawn, so it is not improbable that the crown prince may eventually find himself opposed to the forces of his imperial uncle.

POPULAR MECHANICS

Ford Fire Protection.

Paints and enameling liquids, due to their composition, are, of course, extremely combustible, and were a fire to start in one of the large paint vats of the Ford plant it would be very difficult to put out as long as the fuel lasted. In one tank alone, that used for giving the fenders a second coat, about 1,200 gallons of enamel are kept constantly on hand. Should this inflammable liquid suddenly take fire it would be very hard to control were no provision made for emptying the vat. For this purpose a large tank has been placed underground, outside the factory wall, connected to the overhead tank by a large pipe line of sufficient size to enable the entire contents to be withdrawn in three minutes. The enameling tank is on the fourth floor and the valve in the pipe on the third floor. Therefore it is not necessary for the workman to approach the fire in order to empty the tank. A system of steam jets, easily reached, make the extinguishing of the fire, caused from the remaining enamel in the tank, a matter of only a few minutes.—The Engineering Magazine.

Homemade Fire Extinguishers.

In many situations, especially in rustic localities, an abundance of hand grenades for extinguishing fire is a very necessary precaution. Many persons who hesitate to provide themselves with sufficient store of these because of the expense will be glad to know that they can easily be manufactured at home at a trifling cost. A late number of La Nature gives three new inexpensive formulas for solutions which make excellent grenades when placed in mineral water bottles, which are easily broken when required.

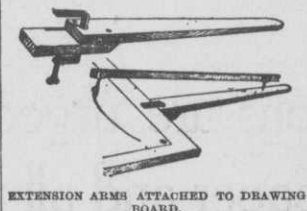
Hazard grenades are flasks containing not quite a liter of the following solution: Calcium chloride, 157 grams; magnesium chloride, 56 grams; water, 797 grams.

Howen grenades contain a scant half liter of the following solution: Marine salt, 200 grams; sal ammoniac, 90 grams; water, 710 grams.

The Schwenberg Death to Fire grenades contain a trifle less of the following mixture: Marine salt, 65 grams; solvay salt, 17 grams; water, 928 grams.

Drawing Board Extension.

All draftsmen are familiar with the trouble of removing a drawing from the board in order to draw arcs whose centers are beyond the edge of the paper. This can be avoided by the use of the easily made extension shown in the illustration. Two pieces of wood and a small clamp costing a few cents are all that is required. A suitable



EXTENSION ARMS ATTACHED TO DRAWING BOARD.

width for both pieces is two inches. The upper piece, which can be made twelve inches long, should be a trifle less in thickness than the drawing board at the base so as to allow the clamp a leverage. From the end of the clamping piece to the tip both edges and under side are tapered to make it lighter and have a better appearance. A hole is bored through both pieces, after they are fastened together for the clamp to slide in easily. It will be seen that nothing projects above the drawing surface except the upper part of the clamp and that no difficulty will be experienced in drawing radius lines with a straight edge bearing on a pin stuck in the extension piece at the center of the circle.

Wasted Steam.

Ever since the introduction of electricity we have had and made free use of electrical meters, but it has only been within the past few years that reliable steam meters have been on the market, and these meters, with the accompanying coal and water weighers, have done more to demonstrate the wasteful use of steam and arouse the interest of the plant owner than anything else known. In one large plant the newly installed steam meters unearthed leaks and other waste amounting to over \$80,000 a year, and this is by no means an extreme case.—Engineering Magazine.

An Oil Can With Bellows.

Ordinarily the bottom of the oil can of commerce has but a movement through a small fraction of an inch, and this small motion is relied upon to force the oil through the narrow opening at the top. A new oil can, however, has just appeared on the market which has a metal bellows as the oil container, which is held extended by a small spring. Pressure upon the bottom of the can forces the bellows together and the bottom of the can upward, so a strong and steady stream of oil can be injected where desirable.

To Prevent Drill Catching.

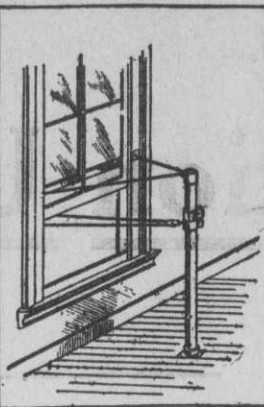
The regular slope of a drill will cause the cutting edge to catch as it breaks through the metal on the opposite side of the piece being drilled. But if a twist drill is ground more flat, like a flat drill, it will not "grab" into the metal as it passes through.

Tapping a Hole.

A plug tap should never be started in a hole where it is convenient to start the thread with a taper tap.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Midair Clothesline Operated From Inside of Window.



The midair clothesline is one of the institutions of the tenement district, but as they are now generally rigged there is some danger of falling out the window by loss of balance while leaning out to load the line. A New Yorker has made an improvement for the purpose of securing the safety of the persons making use of it. Instead of the line being attached to a pulley outside the window, the rope enters the opening and is passed through a pulley mounted on a short pole secured to the floor and window sash. This is a temporary construction and is put up when it is desired to make use of the line. It will be readily seen how this line may be loaded and the wet clothes drawn out into the open air for drying without the necessity of exposing one's self to the possibility of falling out. All this work may be done from the inside.

Beans Baked With Cream.

Wash and soak overnight a quart of any kind of beans. Parboil in salted water, drain, put in a bean pot or large enamel pan with a teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of pepper and same of mustard and a tablespoonful of sugar. Keep well covered with boiling water and bake steadily nearly all day or until the beans take on a yellowish tint; then let the water dry away and add a quart of sweet cream or very rich milk, and continue baking until it is absorbed and the beans are of a creamy consistency and nicely browned on top. They will be found delicious either hot or cold with a delicate, distinctive flavor which nothing else can impart.

Banana Pudding.

Peel six not overripe bananas, cut them into slices with a silver knife. Butter the inside of a deep dish and sprinkle it over with breadcrumbs and granulated sugar; then place the bananas in layers alternately with breadcrumbs, squeeze lemon juice and sprinkle a little sugar over each layer and here and there tiny bits of butter. When the dish is full cover the top with breadcrumbs and sugar, bake in a moderate oven for half an hour and serve with cranberry or crabapple jelly.

Corn Bread.

Mix together one cupful each of yellow cornmeal and white flour, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of sugar and one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Add one cupful of sour cream, sweetened with a pinch of soda, beat thoroughly and bake in a sheet iron pan for one hour in a slow, steady oven. To insure light, flaky corn bread the batter should be almost stiff enough to require spreading.

Brazilian Stew.

Cut up a few onions, tomatoes and carrots; have ready two pounds of the shin of beef, cut into pieces about two inches long, and dip each piece into vinegar. Put the vegetables and meat, with some pepper and salt, into a saucepan without any water (or in a casserole in the oven), and let all simmer for four hours. There will be plenty of gravy and the meat will be very tender.

A Biscuit Hint.

When making baking powder biscuits you will find them much better if you will roll the dough thinner than usual and use two cuts for one biscuit, laying one on top of the other. Made in this way, the biscuits will break open easier and look much daintier.

Spice Pie.

One cupful thick sour milk or cream, one cupful sugar, one cupful raisins (seeded), yolks of two eggs, cinnamon and cloves to taste, pinch of salt. Bake as you would pumpkin pie. When set add meringue of the two whites of eggs and brown.

French Salad Dressing.

The ordinary French dressing (three tablespoonfuls oil, one and one-half tablespoonfuls vinegar, one-quarter level teaspoonful salt, one-eighth level teaspoonful pepper) will moisten one pint of salad.

Laundering Silk.

Cold water, with but little soap, should be used for washing colored silks. If the color runs, vinegar should be stirred into the water until the color sets.

YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER

Hunting For Diamonds.

About 1,000 two-inch tickets are used in this game, says Scouting. These are marked with a blue pencil in the shape of a diamond, and numbers ranging from one to thirty are marked inside the diamonds. These are supposed to be diamonds worth so many dollars—if a diamond has a figure nine in it, it is worth \$9.

Another lot is marked with the diamond only, without the figures; these are smaller "diamonds" and are worth only \$1 each. The third lot are left entirely blank and are supposed to be diamond quartz, being worth only 25 cents each.

The "diamonds" are scattered all over the woods, in the branches of trees, among prickly bushes, in pools of water and other hiding places. The game commences at a whistle signal, the troop starting from different ends of the woods and working every inch of the ground hunting for the "diamonds."

The patrol finding "diamonds" of the greatest total value is declared the winner.

The Golden Robin.

Among the most brilliantly dressed, as well as sweetest singing birds that summer anywhere in the United States is the Baltimore oriole, or golden robin.

The nest of this beautiful bird is very interesting, and displays great skill in the making. In shape it resembles a long pouch, and is swung hammock fashion from two twigs at the extremity of a lofty, drooping branch. It is formed of vegetable fiber and wool, closely interwoven, then securely sewed in place with very strong stitches. The thread used for the sewing is usually long horsehairs, though, especially if the nest is within close range of civilization, bits of string, thread or silk floss are used. The mother bird does the building, while her mate searches for and brings the material.

Conundrums.

What goes most against a farmer's grain? The reaping machine.

What relation is that child to its own father who is not its own father's own son? His daughter.

What does a young lady do when she gets into church? Looks for the hims (hymns).

What beats a good wife? A bad husband.

What is the best thing out? A conflagration.

Why is life the greatest of riddles? Because we must all give it up.

Why is a lady's dishabille like a postman? Because it's a morning wrapper.

Telegraph Bee.

Here is a game for boy scouts on a rainy day in camp. Let the scouts arrange themselves around a table with a telegraph sounder on it. One of the scouts operates the sounder and sends letters in the Morse code to the other scouts, each in turn. If a scout fails to know the letter he is placed at the end of the line. In order that all the boys may take part it is best for the operator to send letters slowly to the tenderfoot, faster to a second class scout and fastest to a first class scout. The line will be continually changing, and the boys are sure to be interested.—Scouting.

Hidden Dross Goods.

1. The verse was musical. I composed it long ago.
2. I prefer the drama to singing. Hamlet is my favorite role.
3. I sent Rob Lincoln on up the hill.
4. That evil is the lesser, George thinks.
5. I bought the fossil. Keep it for me, please.
6. He is a tinsmith by trade.
7. We heard the guns pop. Lincoln was near.
Answers: 1. Calico. 2. Gingham. 3. Cotton. 4. Serge. 5. Silk. 6. Satin. 7. Poplin.

Work For Boy Scouts.

Boys might work off their zeal for hunting by declaring war on rats. If old granaries or warehouses are available they might indulge in a wild rat hunt. Rats accomplish a great deal of destruction, and in port cities, at least, they are credited with carrying many dangerous diseases. If a troop could clear its village of the pests it would be a creditable service.

Changed Words.

Without changing letters turn a viscid substance into an undesired domestic animal, wrathful into a means of restraint, duration into a send forth, fashioned into a kind of cheese, a piece into a snare, a singer of old times into dull colored.

Answers.—Tar, rat; mad, dam; time, emit; made, Edam; part, trap; bard, drab.

Camp Benefits For Thousands.

It is estimated that fully 50,000 boys had camp experience during last summer, as a result of the leadership of the boy scout movement.

The Road to Learning.

I wish I knew my letters well, So I might learn to read and spell; I'd find them not on my pretty card If they were not so very hard.

Now, I am crooked, don't you see? And G is making mouths at me, And O is something like a ball, It hasn't any end at all.

And all the rest are—my, so queer! They look like crooked sticks—oh, dear! Nurse counted six and twenty more; What do they have so many for?

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