

# HAPPENINGS in the BIG CITIES

## Difference in Business Ethics Caused Trouble

NEW YORK.—If the actions of two old clothesmen are to be accepted, the first vital effect the world had upon the United States is to produce an unheard of scarcity of second-hand garments. Both men made it clear recently after a wild forenoon that the bread lines of Germany are presently to be duplicated in this country by clothes lines, washk showers and other activities calculated to keep the wearers of second-hand clothing from open, to say nothing of nude, revolt.

All of these facts and about a carload of language was brought forth when a flat dweller in an uptown street heard the cry of "old clothes, cash," belloyed beneath his boudoir window and beckoned once, and a moment later there developed what sounded like the advance of a Roman mob on the floor below where the beckoner lived. Doors were opened, slammed and locked, windows raised and the roars of alarmed tenants presently brought the police.

They found the two old clothesmen rolling over and over and hither and thither and elsewhere on the second floor. When separated they immediately accused each other of everything and made it clear that from henceforth until the day they roll into their museums they will sue each other in every available American court over every possible charge attending the sale of old clothes and allied industries.

In the Harlem court each man insisted that the other had attempted to cut him out of business and that the flat dweller had never even considered the other when he beckoned. They declared that nowadays a suit of second-hand clothes is a clothing Kohinor and that for another clothing dealer to crash into a house and steal a beckon is "positive the worst as can be in such business like this." Each insisted that he had bought nothing a day and had intended to break his luck not his head, upon entering the flat house. They sang foreign hymns while paying fines of \$2 each.

## Proved Herself Worthy Member of the D. A. R.

KANSAS CITY.—The flag was a very old one and ragged and dirty. It had served its time and earned repose in the treasure chest of the police station No. 6. For flags may not be placed in waste boxes. Police station No. 6 is not at best ornamental, and the flag had worn itself out rippling patriotism in the breezes half under a viduet at Twentieth street and Flora avenue. Undoubtedly, it would still be doing its soiled and pitiful best had it not won a champion. No knight in armor or soldier in khaki came to its rescue. But a bright-eyed lady stopped her car in front of the station. She walked bravely in and up to the police sergeant in charge.

"Are you the captain?" she tactfully inquired. Then, without waiting for an answer, she told her errand, the words tumbling over one another in the haste of their delivery. "I am a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We protect flags. The one you have flying out there is in a condition that makes it a disgrace and a legal offense, for a federal law forbids any public office flying a flag that is either torn or soiled. Please take it down. It has been soiled and torn a long time."

The officer looked very much surprised. He gazed earnestly at the bright-eyed woman, exquisite in appearance and a little bit frightened. Then he turned to a policeman seated in the office. "Go out there," he thundered, "and take down that flag."

The incident was closed. The lady departed. But the next morning, when she passed that way, taking her surgeon husband to St. Luke's hospital, a fine new flag was flying from station No. 6.

## Doorkeeper Succumbed to High-Sounding Title

WASHINGTON.—At a night session up on Capitol Hill not long ago a large person from the West, with considerable nerve and no modesty, endeavored to get into one of the public galleries. Because of the fear on the part of a certain employee that he will be kidded to death by this narrative, let us not ask whether it was the house or senate gallery. However, the large person had a fine set of manners, upturned and diplomatic in their general aspect. With him trailed three women dressed to kill in the finest stuff you ever saw in all your life.

Well, all the galleries were filled, except the executive gallery and the diplomatic gallery. The large nerby person didn't think he could bluff his way into the president's own reservation, but he waltzed up to the diplomatic gallery, and it was just his luck that the regular veteran doorkeeper was not on the job at that moment.

The substitute, though, looked him over, and decided he must be something or other with all that mustache and that fleet of females. "It is necessary to have your card, though," said the doorkeeper, "because I have to know who you are."

"I have no cards with me," responded Nervo. "But I am the Ahkoonid of Swat and these are three of my wives." And with that the doors swung open and the quartet of four-flushers went in, sat down, gazed upon the session below and later retired.

The next day someone told the substitute doorkeeper that Nervo had put one over on him.

"Aw, shucks," replied the substitute, "that ain't nothing. Freaks like that butt in here every day."

## Allege That "Millionaire Miser" Stole Potatoes

CHICAGO.—John H. Hewitt, known as "the millionaire miser of Rogers Park," appeared at the Sheffield avenue police station to face T. F. Regelin, who swore out a warrant for him on the charge of stealing potatoes from a garden plot cultivated by Regelin, George Smith and Matt Smith.

According to the complaint, the three obtained permission from James Carwell to use a patch of ground, 100 by 150 feet. All during the summer evenings they would spend their time in the potato field. Then came the fall with the new large potatoes. The amateur gardeners noticed that for some time they found no potatoes in many hills, and they got the idea that someone was removing the potatoes and replanting the vines to cover up all traces of the theft.

"I decided I'd find out," said Regelin. "So I lay down in the grass near the patch. Along comes Hewitt with a lard pail and a trowel and goes to digging. Then he'd fill up the hole and straighten the vines."

"I talked it over with my partners and we decided we had lost about \$30 worth, and if he (Hewitt) wouldn't come across we'd have him arrested. He refused, so we took him to the station."

Hewitt, who is eighty-four, was brought into court four years ago by his daughter, Mrs. Jessie M. Wynne, who tried to have him declared insane. He testified that he keeps a record of every cent he spends and that one year he lived on \$55.55.

### SCRAPS

About 16,000 New Zealand farmers keep bees, their aparies being subject to government inspection. Glass paving blocks, used in an experimental way in a French city street, lasted less than two years. A novel revolving tooth brush is driven by a water motor that can be connected to almost any faucet. Japanese naval constructors have built a cantilever crane that can lift 200 tons 105 feet from its center.

Spiral grooves that are intended to return a wire that has slipped back into a central groove feature a California inventor's trolley wheel. Operated by electricity obtained from a lighting circuit, a new machine weets, sweeps, scrubs and dries a floor over which it is propelled by human power. To the chamber of commerce at Torreon falls the distinction of being the first chamber to be organized in Conahuila since the beginning of the Mexican revolution.

# The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery— Their Care and Cultivation.



QUEEN OF THE GARDEN—THE ROSE.

## SOME TRIED WINTER HINTS

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

When the hanging basket looks shabby, or is at a standstill, it is very likely it has been neglected as regards watering. Remember it is wholly surrounded by air, and requires more water than the potted plants.

Plants will not flourish if they must breathe gas generated by coal or wood in stove or furnace, or escaping illuminating gas. Stop the leaking gas, and give ventilation by raising and lowering a window at some distance from the plants so that the cold air may get warm before it strikes the plants.

Liquid manure is valuable when used with caution and good common sense. Do not make it too strong, and thus injure the plants, and do not give it to plants that are not growing, or that are taking their annual rest.

Turn the window plants often enough to prevent them getting one-sided.

It is a good idea to water the plants in the evening so that the moisture will penetrate thoroughly before the sun dries it up.

Fuchsias like some shade, and plenty of moisture—just like the pansy. If the plant appears sick, examine its roots. Perhaps you will find that it needs repotting. If dead or rotten leaves are found, remove them. If for any cause live roots are removed through design or accident, be sure to cut back the top to correspond. Then give a smaller pot than the plant previously had.

Give fresh air liberally. Keep the air moist. See that the plants are kept clean.

Save the hen manure carefully. If your soil is heavy, add wood ashes to the hen manure, but if the soil is light and sandy, use leaf-mold or rich loam.

Ornamental trees and shrubs may be pruned any time during the winter if they need it. Bear in mind that pruning should not destroy the characteristics of growth peculiar to the tree or shrub. Cut back the top prominent branches, remove those that grow too closely together. If blooming shrubs are continually cut at the ends of the branches they will in time cease to produce flowers.

Watch the aphid and fight it from the start, else it will destroy your winter garden. He assumes several guises, but all yield to tobacco or tea, smoke or dust. Whale-oil soap and kerosene emulsion also destroy the pest.

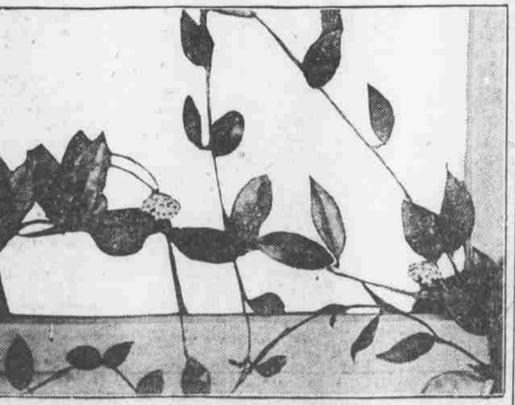
If blight attacks your begonias, cut off all the leaves having a burnt appearance and burn them. Sift sulphur on the plants. It will kill the blight.

Plan now for next summer's work. Go into the garden, notebook in hand, and decide just what assortment of flowers you wish in each bed and border—then order accordingly.

## NIGHT BLOOMING CERES

The genuine night blooming cereus is a snaky-looking plant, but from the time the buds appear in the early spring, looking like tiny tufts of cotton, until the wondrous blossoms are perfected, the plant is always an object of interest.

The opening of a cereus blossom can never be appreciated until seen. There is the quivering of the petals,



The Wax Plant Is Rare, Though Not Difficult to Grow

## ROCKS MAKE A GOOD WALK

We made a walk the other day entirely out of rough "nigger head" (silicious) stones. These rocks were gathered out of the field where they were in the way, and thus two purposes were served by their utilization.

The method of building was as simple as the material used. A trench was dug along each side of the walk and stones put into it, so that they projected about an inch above the surface of the ground.

The earth was packed back around them to keep them firm. Then the space between was covered with smaller stones, the middle of the walk being made higher, a very little, than the edges.

These stones were beaten down with a sledge, so that one could walk over them without too much injury to the shoe leather, and the whole then covered with sawdust and cinders.

This fills up the crevices and holds the rocks steady until they settle into place, and makes the walk smooth and even.

There is almost always a need for more walks on a farm. Sometimes there is a very pressing need. A few hours work may save a wonderful amount of mud-wading.

Materials for walks is not hard to find. Beside the standard brick and concrete, there are shells, rough stones of all kinds, gravel from creeks or beds, cinders, sawdust and tan bark. All these make good walks, although the latter ones require frequent re-levelings.

Neither is construction a hard job. The main essentials are good side lines that will not be torn loose or heaved out and that are straight and smooth, and some provision for drainage.

The center of a walk should be made higher in practically all cases; and where water is likely to stand on one side, means should be provided to carry it off.

In the barnyard and other places where a walk could not be very well kept up, stepping stones, well placed, will answer the purpose, and not only save lots of muddy walking, but also help to get rid of any useless rocks you may have scattered all in the way.

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## OLD VETERAN IN NEW ARMY

Seventy-Two-Year-Old Man Is Now Somewhere in France Serving Uncle Sam as Cook.

Age seems to be no barrier for service in the army.

For instance, says the Indianapolis News, there is Charley June. All the old-timers remember June, who years ago supplied the fish and game for hundreds of Indianapolis tables. His place of business was opposite the traction terminal station, and it was his boast that he could furnish anything that could fly or swim.

June is a veteran of the Civil war and when war with Germany was declared his old fighting spirit was revived. Because of his age, seventy-two years, he did not feel qualified to shoulder a musket and go forth to slay, yet he wished to do his bit for Uncle Sam, so he went out to Fort Harrison as a cook.

He served during the first officers' training camp and made good with a vengeance. Then an entirely unexpected honor was thrust upon him. He was invited to go to France and cook for the boys in the trenches. The proposition nearly took his breath, but it did not take him long to make up his mind.

"During the Civil war I carried a gun and fought with the boys," said Mr. June, "and why shouldn't I cook for them now? I realize it is no Sunday picnic over there, but I do not fear the outcome. I am healthy and strong for a man of my years, and I guess I can stand it. At any rate, I am willing to take a chance for 'Old Glory.'"

Mr. June is now "somewhere in France."

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"There was quite a bunch of men in the place, leaning up against the bar. But there were no tables, and not even a chair. As I ordered my light refreshment, I spoke to the bartender, whom I judged to be the proprietor. I told him that I thought I'd come in and take a sip and maybe a bite, but that I didn't see any place to sit down. And I asked him why he didn't have any chairs. He said:

"Young feller, this here is a first-class place. An' we don't have no chairs because we don't aim to let one man drink any longer in his stand."

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## Ferrets Will Aid Soldiers.

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