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National Matches at Camp Perry.
Camp Perry, O., Aug. 25.—Crack riflemen and sharpshooters of the United States today began the elimination competitions in the matches of the National Rifle Association of America on the Camp Perry rifle range where the international and national rifle shoot began a week ago. The match which began today is open to members of the army, navy, marine corps,

United States military and naval academies, education institutions, organized militia of the United States and the District of Columbia, and the National Rifle Association of America and affiliated clubs.

The coveted prize in today's shooting is the president's cup, emblematic of the individual military championship of the United States. With the exception of Nebraska, Nevada, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina, every state in the Union was represented. To the winner goes a gold medal, appropriately inscribed, an autograph letter from President Wilson and cash. Second and third men receive respectively silver medal and cash, and bronze medal and cash. Last year's winner was Corporal Cedric B. Long, Fifth Massachusetts Infantry.

The Planet Mars.
As to the habitability of Mars, the planet popularly regarded as offering the nearest approach to a duplication of earthy conditions, E. Walter Maunder, F. R. A. S., in "Are the Planets Inhabited?" is uncompromisingly negative. A consideration of the Martian temperature and atmosphere leads him to this conclusion:

"What we know of Mars shows us a planet icebound every night, but with a day temperature somewhat above freezing point. As we see it, we look upon its warmest regions, and the rapidity with which it is cleared of ice, snow and cloud shows the atmosphere to be rare and the moisture little in amount and readily evaporated. These seas are probably shallow depressions filled with ice to the bottom, but melted as to their surfaces by day. From the variety of tints noted in the seas and the recurrent changes in their outlines, they are composed of congeries of shallow pools, fed by small sluggish streams. Great ocean basins into which great rivers discharge themselves are quite unknown."

Had Planted a Quincunx.
The gardening season had opened, and in the train the usual boastful garden talk was in progress. "Have you got a quincunx in your garden?" asked the quiet man in the corner. There was a dead pause. "A quincunx, you mean?" suggested the botanist, politely. "No, a quincunx." "Ah, they're no good here," said the next man, confidently: "won't bloom in this soil, you'll find."

"I'm surprised you haven't got one," said the quiet man. "It was the first thing I planted after I laid out my garden—been quite a success with me." "How do you spell the name?" asked a novice (only three months married), respectfully, determined to look up the catalogue at once. But it was the common, not garden, dictionary that enlightened him. There (says the Manchester Guardian) he learned that a quincunx is an arrangement of five trees or plants, one at each of four corners and one in the middle. Next morning all the talk was of golf handicaps.

"Thirteen" Pursued Him.
When the misfortunes of Gustaf Adolf IV. of Sweden were on him the king pointed out to the queen how the number thirteen had influenced his life: "Even the name G-u-s-t-a-f A-d-o-l-f IV. is thirteen letters. * * * I am the thirteenth king of Sweden from the time of Gustavus Wassa. At the age of thirteen I became king, and I reigned thirteen years after attaining my majority. I was made a prisoner on the 13th of March. It is now twenty-two times thirteen since Gustavus Wassa was elected king of Sweden in 1523, and seventeen times thirteen years since the death of Charles XII. in 1718; these added together produce the number 1800, the current year. * * * If you transpose the numbers one and three, which stand for thirteen, they make thirty-one, which is precisely my age now."

Curiously enough, he died in room No. 13 at the Welles Road, St. Gallen—the date, Feb. 7, 1836.—"An Exiled King."

Dangerous Dust.
Dust is more dangerous than draft. The dust of the house is more dangerous than the dust of the street. It is in dry, windy weather that colds, influenza, bronchitis, tonsillitis and consumption are caught. For every speck of dust is an aeroplane with an army of disease germs as passengers. Sunlight destroys them; they thrive in darkness. The broom and duster of the housewife stir them up from their breeding places in dark recesses, and the open windows of the dusting hour blow them all about the house.—New York World.

Testing.
"Why do you put your finger on that paint? Don't you see the sign 'Fresh Paint'?"
"Yes," replied the man with eccentric ideas. "But I can't keep from testing it and thinking what a convenience it would be if fresh eggs could be tested the same way."—Washington Star.

High Price For Straightness.
One of the most difficult problems in practical mechanics is to make a straight edge. How difficult it is may be judged from an incident that occurred in the shop of a celebrated astronomical instrument maker.

A patron asked what would be the price of "the perfect straight edge of glass thirty-six inches long."
"It cannot be made perfect," said the instrument maker, "but it could probably be made with a limit of error amounting to only a fraction of a wave length of light."

"How much would that cost?"
"About \$40,000."
It turned out that the customer wanted the straight edge for a scraper and that an error of one sixty-fourth of an inch would not bother him.—St. Louis Republic.

The Water Vine.
Containing a quart of clear, pure water to every foot, the water vine, a black, snake-like, leafless stem, drooping from the celbs and mahogany trees to which it has climbed, is one of the wonders of the Guatemalan jungle. When the stem is cut the water spurts forth in a refreshing stream. Moisture is drawn up from the soil and filtered through the pores of the plant.

Must Be High Class.
"You have a beautiful manor house, but you ought to have a little village for the peasantry as we do in England. It adds to the landscape."
"All right," said the multimillionaire, "but it must be a restricted affair. No peasant admitted earning less than \$5,000 a year."—Kansas City Journal.

His Misfortune.
"You have no one to blame but yourself for your unlucky business ventures," said the stern parent. "I advised you to look before you leaped."
"I did look, dad," explained the repentant son, "and I didn't leap. I got dizzy and fell."—Buffalo Express.

An Awful Threat.
Father—You have no sense. I'm going to cut you off with a million. The Son—If you do I'll disgrace the family by riding around in a second hand auto.—New York Globe.

A Starter.
Jack Makelt—How can we marry? I'm only worth \$15,000, and that wouldn't buy your clothes. May Spendit—Oh, yes, it would. Jack, for nearly five years!—Puck.

Final Account Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as the executrix of the estate of James Henry Wilson, deceased, has filed in the county court of Union county, Oregon, her final account and report and that the county judge of said county has set Thursday, August 28th, 1913, at 9 a. m. and at county court room in the court house at La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of all objections to such report and settlement of said estate. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, July 28th, 1913.

PHEBE WILSON,
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LEE WARNICK, City Recorder.
Aug 22, 5t Adv.

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