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## GIRL DRINKS WASH POWDER

MOTHER DISCOVERS ACT IN TIME TO OFFSET

Burned Mouth Principal Outcome of Drinking Washing Powder

Union, Nov. 9.—(Special)—The little girl of Mrs. John Burnham came very near having a serious accident Wednesday morning. The little one in some way got hold of a package of washing powder and got it into her mouth before her mother saw her. However, the mother caught her in time to keep her from swallowing any. She made the little one vomit and gave her sweet oil. The powder burned her mouth and she will have a sore mouth for a few days. Considering everything, the little one was fortunate in not getting any more in her mouth.

News reached Union yesterday that Vern Webb of North Powder had lost his house by fire. The house was set on fire by the children playing with matches. Everything was a total loss and nothing was saved except a little fruit that was in a cellar by the house.

The insurance on the house and contents was \$600, which was not any way near its full value. Mr. Webb lost his wife a short time ago and the burning of his home makes things doubly hard for him. The North Powder hotel also caught fire and burned the furnishings of one room. It seems as if our sister town has had an epidemic of fires.

Attorney Terrall made a business trip to La Grande on Wednesday.

Reese Thomas is getting along fine with his broken leg and will soon be around again.

A large number of the ladies in Union did not vote when they found out that they had to have their votes sworn in. It looks like a rank vote when the women have been given the right of franchise and then have to swear in their votes. It is rather hard to see where the joke comes in and if the present state attorney comes up for re-election again the ladies will let him know what they think of his interpretation of the law.

BRITISH GROUSE HUNTERS.

No Business Is Allowed to Interfere With Their Sport.

The grouse hunting season in Britain opens on Aug. 12. On that day every Englishman and every Scot who makes any pretension to a standing in society goes gunning for two weeks at least. Nothing is allowed to stand in the way of this annual diversion. For a week or two preceding this outing business is of little consequence. Everything to receive any attention at all must relate in some way to guns and dogs. A year or so ago a New York man had occasion to go to London to meet a British financier to put the finishing touches to a matured business proposition. He arrived a couple of days before the 12th of August. The financier was not in his place of business. "No," said his chief clerk; "he has gone for the grouse shoot. He will not talk business with any one. I do not think he will see you at all, sir."

"But," said the New Yorker, "I have crossed the Atlantic for no other purpose than to see him. This business will not take more than half an hour of his time, and then I'm off for home again."

"I should advise against your going to his home, sir. He would not receive anybody at this time. He will attend to no business."

But the New Yorker thought differently. He went to the country home of the financier. A burly butler met him at the door. To him the New Yorker gave his card. It was promptly returned to him.

"The master," said the butler, "will see no one. He sets out for the grouse shooting tomorrow. He says to call, please, in a fortnight."

And the New Yorker was compelled to remain two weeks longer until the Englishman returned from his hunt, when the business was finished in twenty minutes.—Indianapolis News.

The Seven Wise Men.

The names and characteristic aphorisms of the seven wise men of ancient Greece are as follows: Solon of Athens, "Nothing in excess;" Theles of Miletus, "Suretyship brings ruin;" Pitacus of Mitylene, "Know thine opportunity;" Bias of Priene in Caria, "Too many workers spoil the work;" Chilon of Sparta, "Know thyself;" Cleobulus of Rhodes, "Moderation is the chief good;" and Pericles of Corinth, "Forethought in all things."

## SPIRIT OF THE AIR.

It Permeates the Entire Being of the Flying Bird.

The bird is little more than a drift of the air brought into form by plumes. The air is in all its quills. It breathes through its whole frame and flesh and glows with air in its flying, like brown flames. It rests upon the air, subdues it, surpasses it, outraces it—is the air, conscious of itself, conquering itself, ruling itself. Also in the throat of the bird is given the voice of the air. All that in the mind itself is weak, wild, useless in sweetness, is knit together in its song.

As we may imagine the wild form of the cloud closed into the perfect form of the bird's wings, so the wild voice of the cloud into its ordered and commanded voice, unweary, rippling through the clear heaven in its gladness, interpreting all intense passion through the soft spring nights, bursting into acclaim and rapture of choir at daybreak or hissing and twittering among the boughs and hedges, through the heat of day, like little winds that only make the cowslip bells shake and rattle the petals of the wild rose.

Also upon the plumes of the bird are put the colors of the air; on these the gold of the cloud that cannot be gathered by any covetousness; the rubies of the cloud, that are not the pride of Athena, but are Athena; the vermilion of the cloud bar, and the flame of the cloud crest, and the snow of the cloud and its shadow, and the melted blue of the deep wells of the sky—all these, seized by the creating spirit and woven by Athena herself into films and threads of plume, with wave upon wave following and fading along breast and throat and opened wings, infinite as the dividing of the foam and the sifting of the sea sand, even the white down of the cloud seeming to flutter up between the stronger plumes—seen, but too soft for touch.

And so the spirit of the air is put into and upon this created form, and it becomes through twenty centuries the symbol of divine help, descending as the fire to speak, but as the dove to bless.—From John Ruskin's "The Queen of the Air."

## REMBRANDT AN EASY MARK.

The Great Painter Was a Victim of Reckless Speculation.

German art students who have been investigating the reason why Rembrandt died hopelessly bankrupt have discovered that he was an incorrigible speculator. It had hitherto been popularly supposed that he was compelled to remain poor because of his extravagant love of jewels.

Unfortunate speculations turn out to have been the cause of his financial ruin. Documents have been discovered showing that he officially informed the municipality of Amsterdam that he had suffered heavy losses in business transactions as well as through damages and losses on the high seas.

It was at a time, 1640-60, when all Europe was engaged in feverish money making in connection with Holland's meteoric commercial prosperity. Speculation took place on a reckless scale. Immense fortunes were sunk in shipping, banking and colonial enterprises.

Rembrandt, whose highly artistic nature was sadly devoid of even elementary business sense, fell an easy victim to the scheming speculators of that era of frenzied finance, and he lost his entire fortune. Many of his pictures were seized for debt by the legal authorities before the canvases were half finished. Bankruptcy finally overtook him and compelled him to sell all his properties, his home and priceless works of art under the hammer at sacrifice prices.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Origin of Iron Duke.

The Iron Duke, of course, was Wellington, but he came by the nickname in a roundabout way. He was never so called until long after Waterloo. An iron steamship, a novelty at the time, was built in the Mersey and named the Duke of Wellington, and so the vessel came to be known as the Iron Duke, the transition being easy and obvious. It was the duke's union of resolution and physical energy which made the popular name for the Mersey built steamship to fit him like a perfect cap. Such, at least, is the explanation of his biographer, Sir Herbert Maxwell.—London Chronicle.

Power of Desire.

It has been said of Abraham Lincoln that as a boy he read less than a half dozen books and that they were such books as "Pilgrim's Progress," "Weems' Life of Washington" and a popular history of the United States written in almost primary language. Yet Lincoln was able to express himself more clearly than almost any public or literary man of his time. Such is the power of desire.

Getting a Verdict.

"We could have settled our difficulties by tossing a coin. Instead we spent a lot of money in going to law."

"Well?"

"I understand the jury settled the whole matter by tossing a coin."—Kansas City Journal.

## WHEN THE EARTH QUAKES.

Stresses and Strains to Which Our Globe is Subjected.

When the stairs creak and the furniture gives out mysterious crackling sounds at night we sometimes sit up in bed and wonder if there is a burglar about, but it doesn't occur to us that what we hear is really an earthquake on a small scale. The night air has caused the wood to contract with a snap, thus accounting for the alarming sounds. This is just exactly what the earth is doing periodically. To a microbe, reposing on the polished surface of the table, this disturbance is probably as violent as an earthquake is to a human being.

An earthquake is a terrible thing. It comes without warning. It is over before one knows which way to fly, and its fury can be abated by no man.

Yet to the geologist earthquakes are only symptoms. They are not causes so much as results—results of great stresses and strains within the earth that cause slippings and slidings from time to time. If the rocks on the shell of the earth slip and grate against each other so much as an inch along a fissure ten miles in length a shiver is felt. A slip of fifteen feet along a course of 200 miles sufficed to bring about the terrible San Francisco earthquake and fire.

These strains and stresses accumulate steadily within the earth. The point at which they have once found relief is weaker to resist the next strain. It slips again presently. By successive movements its sides become more and more displaced. Rock layers, mineral veins, coal seams that cross the line of displacement, are jogged out of their course. So are roads, fence lines and brooks that run across it on the surface. In the San Francisco quake one man's front yard was moved twenty feet to one side of his house, and in another place the slip line came so close to a man's barn that some piles of straw, thrown out from the windows, were carried away. In Japan a cliff twelve feet high interrupted a roadway, and thousands of similar cases might be cited. These were primary movements along the line of the disturbance that caused the earthquakes.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Father's Inconsistency.

Father will splash around in two feet of water and ruin a good suit of clothes to save articles in a stranger's house during a thirty cent fire. But if the pan under the icebox flows over he will go upstairs and wake mother so she can come down and mop it up.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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