

**A MIRAGE IN THE CLOUDS.**

**The Specter That Gave an Aviator the Scare of His Life.**

An extraordinary story of a mirage in the clouds is told by a young flying corps officer in the British service: "I had often wondered what it would feel like to see a machine coming straight for one and to know that a collision was inevitable. I had the experience one afternoon, only the collision did not take place. I was on patrol with five other machines over the lines and had just gone into a cloud bank. Just before going in I saw the bus on my right turning to cross in front of me. All of a sudden I saw a machine just the same as my own appear out of the cloud about fifty feet away, making straight for me. Instinctively I jammed my nose hard down and went as near a nose dive as possible. The other bus did the same. I turned! The other turned into me. I was in a cold perspiration all over by this time, so I thought, 'Here goes; if I am going to crash it might as well be complete.' So straight for it I went. We got closer and closer, and, blif, my machine and—its mirage in the clouds met!" "It seemed like a hideous nightmare, and I can still see that machine doing its utmost to crash into me. I think I can say I have had the full horrors of a collision in the air without its actually taking place."—London Telegraph.

**INDIA'S ARMY ELEPHANTS.**

**Their Skill in Moving Big Guns That Have Become Stalled.**

In India elephants are used in many ways in the army, especially in moving artillery. Of their work in this line a British writer says:

"When a gun comes to grief the elephant marches up with the important air of an experienced engineer and deliberately inspects the state of affairs. Thrusting his trunk around the spoke of a wheel, he gives it a lift as if to ascertain the depth and tenacity of the mud and then quietly walks around and does the same by the other wheel, dropping it again with a funny twinkle of the eye as if he said to himself, 'All right; I can start her, I think.'"

"Then he deliberates for a few minutes, gives a slight push here and a slight push there, when, having at last made up his mind as to the best mode of procedure, he probably applies his forehead—which has been padded for the purpose—to the muzzle of the gun and, uttering a shrill, trumpet-like sound as a signal for the gun bullocks to pull together, pushes against it with all his weight, while the bullocks obey the signal and pull away too."

"This generally starts the gun. But if the bullocks are sulky and refuse to obey the signal the elephant gets perfectly furious and rushes at them, brandishing his trunk with such ferocity as usually compels obedience."

**How Roots Penetrate Hard Ground.**

The extreme tips of a delicate root are protected by a sheath set with minute scales, which as it is worn away by friction against the soil is as constantly replaced, so that it acts as a wedge and the root thread is carried down uninjured. Another aid to penetration lies in the provision whereby the root as it pushes downward in search of nourishment exercises a slightly spiral, screwlike motion which worms its tip into the ground. Another important agent is the acid cell sap, which exudes on to and dissolves to some extent the rock or hard soil. This may be tested by placing a small piece of polished marble in a pot in which a plant is set and covering it with earth. After some weeks the marble will be found to have been corroded by the continuous action of this acid.

**Rambler Roses.**

One of the loved roses of summer is the Rambler rose, which rambles about scattering its joyous self among hundreds of people in addition to those who grow it. Clambering over houses, both of rich and poor, it gladdens the eye of the tourist, and in great arm loads it wanders from its home vine to the rose loving, but not rose possessing; to the sick, to the weary, to the tired business folk, to whom it brings a bit of relaxation. The rambling rose of June, which rambles all over to the joy of every one—here's to the insect-less health of the Rambler rose, whether Dorothy Perkins, Pillar or whatever brand.—Newark News.

**His Fidelity.**

Upon the recent death of a politician who at one time served his country in a very high legislative place a number of newspaper men were collaborating in an obituary notice.

"What shall we say of the former senator?" asked one of the men.

"Oh, just put down that he was at ways faithful to his trust."

"And," queried a cynical member of the group, "shall we mention the name of the trust?"—Puck.

**It Does Happen.**

"I don't think the truth of that Cinderella story ever came out."

"No?"

"I think she took off her slipper because it hurt her. I've seen ladies do that in restaurants many a time."—Kansas City Journal.

**Observes a Medical Maxim.**

A variation of 100 degrees of temperature between Manitoba and the gulf goes to show that Uncle Sam observes the medical maxim, "Keep your head cool and your feet warm."—Omaha Bee.

The energy which makes a child hard to manage is often the energy which makes him a manager of life.—H. W. Beecher.

**GREAT VALUE OF TIN.**

**It is Indispensable, and There is No Substitute For It.**

Nickel and tin are the only important metals that have not been found in paying quantities among our mineral resources, although the fact that we are the largest consumers of tin plate in the world has stimulated the search. Tin ore in small quantities has been found in several places in the United States, but most of what we use comes from Cornwall, in England; Banca, in the East Indies, and Malacca, in southern Asia.

Tin is a metal that has played an important part in the history of the world. Combined with copper to make bronze, it was doubtless the first metal that man converted to his use. Weapons, tools and utensils made of bronze were used during a long period before iron and steel came into use. The United States now uses in the manufacture of tin cans as much tin plate as all other countries together use for all purposes.

There is no substitute for tin. Price has little effect on consumption, which is not true of other metals. If tin cost 15 cents a pound we should perhaps put a thicker coating on our plates and make better solder and babbit metal, but if it were a dollar a pound we should still have to use it for nearly every one of the purposes for which it is now employed.

The lack of tin is one of the few things that keep the United States from being self sufficient. If we were suddenly deprived of our supply of tin and solder we should soon have serious sanitary troubles.—Youth's Companion.

**EXPERTS IN THE WATER.**

**The Japanese Are Masters of Many Tricks of Swimming.**

The Japanese are extremely fond of swimming, and among the younger generation of students and the coast population there are some splendid long distance swimmers. Schools of natation teach the art in a systematic manner, and, although the best racing records of Japan are not equal to the western, a Japanese expert can perform some truly wonderful feats. For example, he can jump into deep water and maintain his position with the water no higher than the loins, while he fires a gun, writes on a slate, paints a picture on a fan with a brush or moves freely in every direction as if he were walking on solid ground.

The expert, while he rarely emulates the graceful high dive of the American or the European, can leap from a great height and strike the surface of the water with his chest without sinking or wetting his face and head. In some mysterious way he contrives to escape the painful consequences which the impact would inevitably cause to the foreigner who should try this feat. It is said that the old time samurai frequently made use of this trick when crossing a river or stream. In such cases they carried their armor and weapons on their heads.

The famous "crawl" stroke, which occidental swimmers first acquired not very long ago, has been known and practiced in Japan for hundreds of years.—Los Angeles Times.

**Superstitions of the Sea.**

The persons who sail as passengers on a ship which does not regularly carry passengers are looked upon either with favor or disfavor by the crew. The presence of a child is thought to be a good omen, while women are believed to bring bad luck. Lawyers are looked upon with greatest dislike, for they are considered particularly unlucky. The name "sea lawyer" is the worst term one sailor can use toward another.

A cat on board ship is supposed to cause the vessel to meet with gales. The old saying is, "A cat carries a gale in her tail," and the average sailor believes that when a cat frisks about the deck she is raising a storm. Figs also have a bad reputation on shipboard.

**A Pathetic Benefit.**

Perhaps one of the saddest of the many benefits which have been celebrated at Drury Lane was that given on June 27, 1828, for Grimaldi, the greatest clown the stage has known, when the heartbroken old man was wheeled on to the stage in an armchair and hopelessly broke down in his endeavor to sing his once famous ditty, "Hot Codlins."

The old man's memory had completely forsaken him. On that occasion a sum of £1,700 was realized, which for many years remained a record.—St. James' Gazette.

**Pure Reason.**

In his essay "Perpetual Peace," published in 1795, Immanuel Kant declared that we can never have universal peace until the world is politically organized, and it will never be possible to organize the world politically until the people, not the kings, rule. And he added that the peoples of the earth must cultivate and attain the spirit of hospitality and good will toward all races and nations.—Independent.

**Of Course It Can't Be Done.**

Of course well informed people know better, but there are some ignorant folks who think it is possible to have a good time without spending more than they can afford.—Claude Allen in Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

**Never Finished.**

He (anxiously)—About how long, darling, will it take to complete your trousseau? She—All the rest of my married life.—Exchange.

Ignorance is the primary source of all misery and vice.—Cousin.

**L. J. SIMPSON FOR GOVERNOR**

The candidacy of the well known old-timer, L. J. Simpson, for governor is announced. He is the father of North Bend, on Coos bay, and one of the big lumber operators and farmers of the state. His home farm known as "Shore Acres," comprises 750 acres and is one of the show places of



L. J. Simpson.

the state, his specialty being dairying and poultry. He has a fine herd of Holsteins and 1600 Rhode Island Red laying hens.

Mr. Simpson is a republican and goes before the voters of the state on that basis, but above all he is an American and stands for the principles of his country and in the present struggle for world peace, democracy and the very existence of the nation itself, the first solemn obligation of every man, woman and child is to the land of their birth or adoption. Faithful to that obligation, Oregon is proud of its contribution in men, money, food, ships and lumber. The entire wealth and all of the resources of the state have been placed at the disposal of the government, and if nominated and elected, he will ac-

cord the nation and the administration that full and complete measure of support and assistance which its patriotic citizenship has already exacted.

The people of Oregon have placed upon the state books certain laws, which, if nominated and elected, he will, with all the power and authority of the office of governor, rigidly and uncompromisingly enforce. The spirit of the times and the vital importance of state-wide prosecution of the government's war activities require that law and order shall prevail. He will consider it his duty to preserve such

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