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Sunday school each Sunday morning at 10 a. m.

S. L. Boyce, Pastor.

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Pastor Rev. Reese

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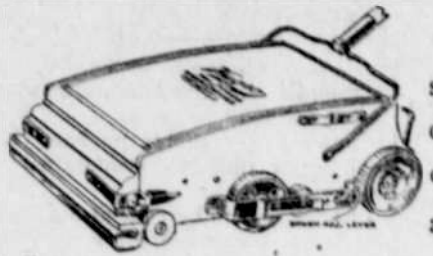
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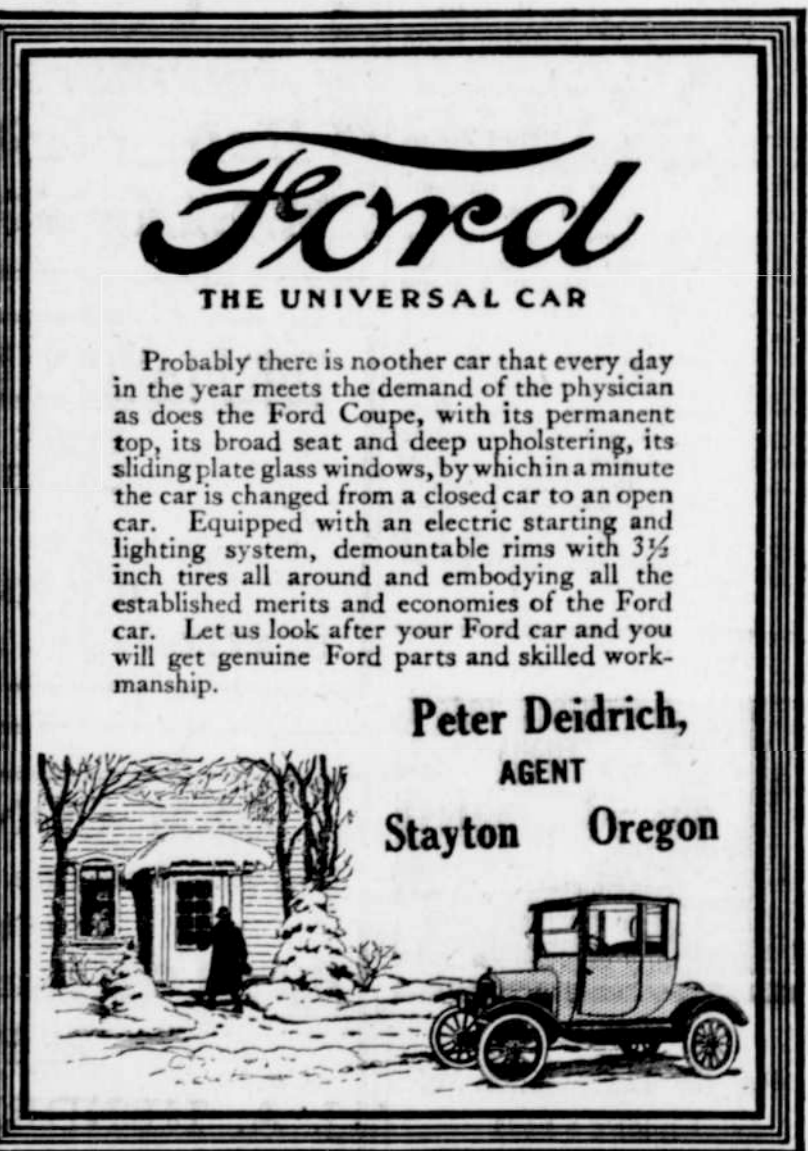
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BEYOND PUNY MAN

Before Volcanic Eruptions He Is Helpless.

Fact Made Manifest by the Indifference Which He Goes About His Business After the Disasters Have Passed.

Under no circumstances does man show to less advantage than when a volcano sends forth its torrents. As a figure of speech, man may consider himself to be a puny creature, but his working opinion of himself is by no means so small. In Java the earth groaned, and 15,000 people were wiped out of existence like so many ants. Perhaps only 10,000 were killed; perhaps it was 20,000. No one will ever know; no one will ever be concerned in the matter beyond the desire to arrive at a reasonable guess as to the loss of life. It will always be a vague question, to be discussed in round numbers. The Japanese who perished were indeed puny creatures, whose memory will be nothing more than a mathematical approximation.

As far back as man has a history there are details of volcanic eruption to testify to the haphazard, unworkmanlike fashion in which this world of ours was made. Pompeii and Herculaneum are household words to people who do not know where Vesuvius stands, but Stabiae, which was engulfed with them, seems to have escaped literary notice. Between Vesuvius and Pelee there are few who have any knowledge of the volcanic catastrophes that have suddenly overwhelmed thousands of human beings.

Messina was a puny man in the public mind, the Pelee, by reason of its comparatively close proximity, can be recalled, although one must ordinarily consult books of reference to determine whether the loss of life was 30,000 or 300,000. The Krakatoa eruption, which took place in 1883 on the Sunda sea not far from the Kalut explosion, has been studied for years by scientists, but the fact that 30,000 persons were killed is an inconsequential detail. The Krakatoa explosion is not remembered because it caused 30,000 deaths, but because it occasioned some puzzling atmospheric phenomena. Soufriere, a neighbor of Mount Pelee, has a long record of disaster, in which the mortality figures are usually overlooked. The fact that the explosion was heard in South America, while it was not heard at distances of 20 miles, is considered of much more importance. Soufriere, it may be recalled, was in eruption at the same time as Mount Pelee, but on this occasion it killed less than 1,500 persons. Perhaps for this reason it is never mentioned.

Before the volcano man stands helpless, and he recognizes this fact by his indifference. He buries his dead and goes about his business. As in the case of the Messina disaster, he only waits for the ground to cool, when he goes to work unperturbed raising his crops on the dangerous mountainside. In the meantime he tries to gratify his taste for information by studying volcanoes, but without any hope of being able to protect himself.

The Result.

"My wife undertook to make me some of this new 'bee' wine."
"What happened?"
"I was stung."

KEEP EYE ON HENS

Hawaiian Owners of Chickens Are Sleeping Lightly.

Fearful That Mme. Pele, the Goddess Who Lives in Kilauea Crater, Is Eager for More Poultry to Furnish Her Dinner.

Owners of coal-black game cocks in Hawaii are keeping out an eye to see that the chicken house is locked securely every night.

And that's all because the volcano of Kilauea is now the most active it has been for 35 years.

Six months ago Kilauea was sputtering away in its mile-wide bowl of burning, molten rock, with the level of the flaming crimson sea of boiling lava 900 feet from the top of the crater.

The night that Secretary of the Navy Daniels and his party paid Kilauea a visit—the latter part of August—the level of the seething lava lake was about 50 feet below the crater's top.

Several overflows already have occurred. A cone which once jutted 500 feet above the crater's top has melted away into the sea of fire. Two hours after the secretary and his party left the main crater and a second smaller one, caved in, joining the crater.

And Kilauea still is going strong. As to the connection of all this with coal-black game cocks? Oh, that's very simple.

Many years ago, when the islands first were becoming a white man's land, Kilauea became angry. It roared and hissed and sputtered and the ground shook. Then the lava overflowed and moved slowly down the mountain side toward Hilo.

The native Hawaiians had been Christians but a comparatively short time. Their fright knew no bounds, for the island legends are full of the tales of what Kilauea did when Mme. Pele, the goddess who lived in Kilauea's crater, became angry.

So the Hawaiians prayed that the flow might stop, but it didn't.

Then they danced, but that was ineffective.

Finally, forgetting their Christianity for a time, they sent a party by canoe to Honolulu to consult a few remaining priests of the days when they all worshipped the strange South sea deities.

"Throw a black rooster into the lava flow," was the advice they brought back.

The sleekest, shiniest cock on the island of Hawaii was picked for the sacrifice, and while the maidens danced, the warriors cast the squawking bird into the base of the lava flow.

In an hour the flow had stopped. Mme. Pele, the most-feared goddess of the island, evidently had been satisfied with a chicken dinner.

American residents of the island believe that if there is ever another big lava flow, coal-black roosters will come into demand once more.

A "No" That Made a Friend.

A business man went to two bankers. He wished to borrow \$2,000 from one and \$1,000 from the other. L. J. man Anson tells the story in the October issue of System, the Magazine of Business: The first banker loaned him \$2,000, but was so unpleasant and condescending about it that the business man went back to his office with the thought, "I'll never have any more dealings with that bank as long as I live." The second banker refused the loan of \$1,000, but he did it so graciously and with so clear an exposition of his reasons, that the business man left as a booster for the bank, and said to himself, "I'm going to put my affairs in such shape that there will be no earthly reason why this man should not loan to me. I want to do business with him." The second banker had learned the art of saying "No." It is a real art. You have to practice it every day.

Automobile Does Chores.

Another way of making an automobile do all the farm chores at a small expense for gasoline has been devised by Frank R. Weisgerber of Salina, Kan. His invention is an attachment comprising a frame with a pulley at its forward end adapted to project in front of the radiator of the car; the frame has a coupling connecting its shaft to the crankshaft of the automobile, so that by starting up the engine it is possible to operate the threshing machine, saw wood, churn the butter, turn the ice cream freezer, cut the fodder, turn the grindstone, operate the cream separator, or even milk the cow if the farmer is equipped with suitable milking apparatus.

Unrest.

"Now," inquired the man of ponderous manner, "what is the cause of all this unrest?"

"Well," replied the man who always tries to give some kind of an answer; "I can't undertake to speak for anybody except myself. Most of mine is caused by a family of jazzmanics in the adjacent flat."

Only Wings.

"How do you know it was a stork and not an angel that brought your little brother?"

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