

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Mary O'Hara, aged seventy, of Chicago the other day won a prize for jig dancing. Miss Ruth Bancroft Law, the navy aviatrice, has declared her intention of attempting a flight across the Atlantic ocean for a prize of \$50,000 offered by Lord Northcliffe of England. Mrs. Mary Klump of Allentown, Pa., ninety-two years old, has been a druggist for seventy-five years and has not stopped work. She is the daughter of a druggist, married a druggist and at his death continued the business. Mlle. Helene Mirapolske, the prettiest member of the French bar, is engaged to be married to M. Gaston Strauss, a barrister of the French court of appeals. It is probable that Mlle. Mirapolske will keep her maiden name for professional use. Mme. Kln Seno, the only woman who has attained the position of bank president in Japan, aided in founding the institution in 1912. The bank is situated in Tokyo. Mme. Seno was born in 1842, converses well in English and has acquired many European customs, but still clings to her native costume.

Current Comment.

A new idea in ship furnishing is to make every mattress a life preserver. If we cannot have unsinkable ships we can have unsinkable beds.—Philadelphia Ledger. Germans are planning another boat line for use of the Panama canal. The world seems to have taken us at our word when we said we were building the ditch for all nations.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. It has just been found that the grave of Eugene Field, who delighted the hearts and minds of thousands, is without a monument. So soon the world forgets the men who in various ways have lightened its burdens.—Baltimore American.

Automobile Runs.

The hardest thing for an inexperienced automobile driver to learn is why people can't keep out of the way.—Duluth News Tribune. With modern improvements new tricks must be learned. We have seen men start a balky horse by building a fire under him, but that method isn't adaptable to automobiles.—Toledo Blade. After the killing of 110 persons in Chicago this year by automobiles, the authorities of that city have taken measures resulting in a great decrease of casualties. It can be done.—Baltimore American.

The Cookbook.

When frying mush it improves the crispness if the mush is dipped in white of an egg before frying. Put the grated rind of an orange and a tablespoonful or two of the juice into the sponge cake. It adds to the flavor. Soup can be quickly cleared by pouring it when hot through a muslin cloth wrung out in ice water. Then heat again and serve. If potatoes which are to be baked are first placed in a pan of boiling water for a few minutes they will cook more evenly, and the jackets will not become dry and hard.

Recent Inventions.

Balls and nuts in which steel balls are introduced between the threads to make them turn easier are a French invention. An ingenious implement has been patented by a Rhode Island inventor to enable a man to tie a knot in cord around a parcel and cut the superfluous cord with one hand. High speed telegraph apparatus invented by a Hungarian utilizes a keyboard like a typewriter for sending and reproduces the messages in letters like ordinary handwriting.

Electric Sparks.

The annual electric dry battery production of the United States has passed the \$10,000,000 mark. Two of the largest concerns carry their own electric plants, illuminating everything, from their largest to their smallest tests. Because the microphone of a telephone transmitter becomes more sensitive in rarefied air German electricians are trying to make a practical application of the phenomenon.

Political Pointers.

Many are designated, but few are elected.—New York Sun. Every city has its problems, and the saddest of them all is the good citizen who won't vote.—Philadelphia Ledger. A good many political air castles now under construction will stand the shock of the November election no better than a wooden Pullman in a rear end collision.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Aerial Flights.

The majestic eagle still rules the air, not puny man, not even a Zeppelin.—New York American. Now an English aviator has outdone Fegud by turning four somersaults in the air. How soon will the feat become a feature at country fairs?—New York World. Though fewer Zeppelin airships than aeroplanes meet disaster, the large numbers of persons on board the former help to even up the average of fatalities.—Chicago News.

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SIRENS AND SONS.

Colonel Thomas H. Birch, the new minister to Portugal, was personal aid to President Wilson when governor of New Jersey. Frederic Courtland Penfield, who has been appointed American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, is an author and patron of art, as well as a diplomat. He has traveled extensively and is a man of wealth. Philippe Crozier, former chief of the protocol and recent French ambassador to Vienna, is said to be the most decorated man in Europe. Some time ago it was announced that he could boast of sixty-five decorations. Lord Courtney, the English authority on political economy, recently celebrated his eighty-first birthday. Nearly sixty years ago he was a second wrangler at Cambridge and all his life has worthily maintained the reputation for mathematical powers which he then obtained. A striking figure of the new Danish cabinet is Hansing Jorgensen, minister of public works, who began his career as a laborer. From farmland he progressed, studying at odd times, gradually gaining business experience, until his ability and determination led him to the presidency of a bank.

Flippant Flings.

Bryn Mawr is going to devote seven years to the production of twenty perfect women; also to twenty kinds of trouble for the man who marries one of them.—Cleveland Leader. The Wilmington (Del.) "drunk" who objected to being embalmed, and very properly assailed the undertaker, didn't stop to inform those about that he was already pickled.—Chicago Record-Herald. What if the young daughter of the Maharajah Gokwar of Baroda, who has just married the son of the maharajah of Cooh-Behar, should insist on naming the first baby after both its grandfathers?—Washington Post.

The Royal Box.

No other sovereign in the world has so many physicians as the czar. They number twenty-five and are all selected from among the medical celebrities of Russia. The maharajah of Mysore, India, is a skilled musician. He has a \$50,000 American organ in his palace and is very fond of American music, of which he has a large stock. Emperor Francis Joseph, the oldest ruler in Europe, has just entered on his eighty-third year. A special feature of the observance was the unveiling of a statue of the emperor at the military academy at Moeding, near Vienna.

Town Topics.

New York police are to be taught the art of jujitsu, as if the general public didn't have a slim enough chance as it is.—Boston Transcript. A French visitor says Chicago's moral tone reminds him of Glasgow's. Chicagoans are in some doubt whether this is a bouquet or a brickbat.—Pittsburgh Dispatch. "Real devils don't wear horns and red union suits," says the Enquirer of Cincinnati. When information comes direct from headquarters far be it from us to raise any questions.—Birmingham News.

Tales of Cities.

Boston is to have open air flower shows in 1914. Constantinople has over 1,000,000 inhabitants and no sewers. New York may adopt the statue of Liberty as a city emblem. Garbage and other street refuse in Minneapolis is burned to generate the current for 200 arc street lamps. Los Angeles has mapped out certain sections of the city available for factories and decreed their banishment from residential sections.

Short Stories.

The first steel pen was made in 1820. The capitol at Washington covers an area of 153,112 feet. Wood is now cut so thin that it is used for wall paper. Muffs were first used by doctors to keep their fingers soft. One cylindrical foot of water contains six United States gallons. The United States army has more than 1,500 telegraphers in its ranks.

Fashion Frills.

Must a woman wear a slash to cut a dash?—Columbia State. Husbands will hail with approval a costume for women which will enable them to locate their wives' pockets.—Buffalo Commercial. American designers and dressmakers should be encouraged to furnish styles in garments suitable to American women.—Chicago News.

Pert Personals.

Prince Henry of England has an allowance of \$2.50 a week at school—or half a sovereign for half-a-sovereign.—Chicago Post. Nat Goodwin says he is now wedded to literature, in which case the public will not object to another divorce.—Topeka State Journal. Sarah Bernhardt ran pull off a fare well tour whenever she feels like it, but Buffalo Bill couldn't get the public to take his second one seriously.—Des Moines Register.

St. Johns Furniture Company Gus Salmond, Mgr. New and Second Hand Furniture Bought, Sold and Exchanged

A fool and his money are soon parted. Despite the numerous "cures," cancer continues to increase. Every now and then some aviator breaks a record before he breaks his neck. The Russian government is so determined to get rid of unrest that it is creating a vast amount of it. Rich widows must pay the income tax, but there are poor bachelors who are willing to relieve them of the hardship. New ancient ruins have been found near the City of Mexico. There are also a few modern ruins in that neighborhood. A woman says that the weight of a soul is four and seven-sixteenths ounces, so the average corporation hasn't missed much. The price of diamonds is coming down, but the news will not affect as many people as if it concerned the price of potatoes. Through all these years it has been customary to speak of Philadelphia as "slow," and now it develops that the old city is built on a bed of quicksand. Now that Mr. Edison has been confined to his room for the first time in his life, we may reasonably look for an invention that will do away with sickness. Well, after all our soliloquy, here is our old friend Dr. Wiley again. He arises to announce that Eve was created before Adam. Let the procession move on. German girls, they say, are forming a society whose members are pledged to marry homely men. But that is what nineteen out of twenty of them would do anyway. An intelligent bear in Pittsburgh, says an exchange, smokes, chews, smoozes and does vicarious dances, these, we presume, being the first proofs of intelligence. One of life's neatest little ironies is the fact that the first arrest under Wisconsin's antigossip law was not a woman at a sewing circle, but a man in a barroom. According to science, women don't mind choosing ugly men for husbands. Rejected suitors will be interested to find their theories confirmed by scientific authority. If the 17,000,000 old bachelors and old maids in the country would all get married at once a few people would object to making orange blossoms the national flower. But if every American girl made her own clothes, as a club reformer recommends, what would women who sew for a living do? There are usually several sides to such questions. When they had taken an unendorsed bank draft from their victim two robbers produced a fountain pen and made him endorse the draft. Add one more to the list of deadly weapons. The fish story is losing none of its pristine vitality. A catfish was caught in Kentucky wearing a pair of spectacles which an estimable citizen some time before had lost overboard. The Illinois board of health has declared that no more talcum powder shall be used in chop suey. We had never supposed that those who ate chop suey cared what was in it. A railroad up Mount Popocatepetl will run from 10 degrees below zero to 70 above in two hours. But that's nothing. Mexican politics can change from freezing to boiling in two minutes. Marvelous Germany! Its Leviathan is the biggest thing that plows the seas. Its dirigibles are the monsters of the air. And neither storm nor wreck can check the spirit that ventures forth to lead the world. To operate in the clouds the Swiss army does not take its aeroplanes and dirigibles. It maneuvers among the Alpine peaks and gets all the sensations of high elevation with its feet safe on the ground. The elimination of the complimentary salutation "Dear sir" and the polite conclusion "Yours very truly" will not make much headway in letters written by a debtor to a creditor asking for an extension of time. Every little while, or oftener, we read about somebody being strangled by means of a piece of beefsteak becoming lodged in the throat. When will people begin to realize that the eating of beefsteak is a lost art? Ambassador Page has found a house in a respectable part of London which will not cost him more than two-thirds of his salary for rent. This brilliant piece of detective work will prepare his countrymen for further exploits. Speakers of determination, a New York woman has just won a fight of thirty years against her husband for alimony. If he had used the same amount of determination in making her home happy, what a cinch she would have had on that man!

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