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Y. W. C. A. Notes

All club girls who are planning to go to Y. W. C. A. Camp during August must report at the local building Friday, July 28th, at 2 p. m. Don't fail to do this as it is very necessary in order to make complete arrangements.—Mrs. Shaw, Sec.

Simple precautions would avert most of the railroad crossing horrors. Here are a few rules which if followed would save many lives: Never approach railroad tracks that must be crossed at grade without this thought: "Here is the place where I must play safe!" Have your car under control, then you will be prepared for any emergency. You know the importance of having good brakes on your car. Look them over from time to time. Probably nine out of ten times there will not be a train near enough to check your progress over the tracks. Make no effort to go across until, by careful use of both eyes and ears, you have sized up the situation. All must agree that a little time spent in trying to protect life and limb is a good investment. We use up some time hunting bargains in stores. Better plan to hold onto the life you possess. No bargain counter has another to offer you. When your end comes, you will be a long time dead. Maybe, when you get near the railroad tracks, you see a train coming, and the thought comes in to your mind, "I can beat it across!" That thought is a mere whim. Your judgment is not speaking. In such a case, wait for your sober second thought. Remember that a fast train can run the quarter mile from the whistling post to the crossing in fifteen seconds. Do you know just exactly how far you can make your car go in one-fourth of a minute? Most of us fail to our best in an emergency. Do you admire a man who tries to beat a train over a crossing, when he has his family or friends in the car with him, depending upon him for protection? If such a man were to run his business so carelessly as that we greatly fear that the balance would show up on the wrong side of his ledger. Most of us are very weary of reading newspaper accounts of death and destruction. Let's be rooters for safety at the crossings.—S. P. Bureau of News.

Today T. J. Monahan, superintendent of the St. Johns postoffice, completes his twelfth year in the office here and in all that time he has conducted it in a highly satisfactory manner.

Mrs. T. A. Greenhalgh and daughter, Mrs. J. Snow of Salt Lake and Miss Mabel Greenhalgh of Spokane are spending a couple of weeks with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Kasmeyer.

A committee from the Community Club together with property owners are planning to meet with Commissioner Barbur next week in connection with proposed improvement of Jersey street. It is hoped that some arrangement be made whereby this street may be placed in proper condition. In its present condition it is a disgrace to the community.

Don't Burn Your Shoes.
"People persist in burning their shoes," said the cobbler, according to the Boot and Shoe Recorder. "I don't see how it is. I keep telling them not to put their wet shoes on the steam radiator or on the kitchen stove to dry. But they keep on doing it. So the leather gets burned, and I get a lot of shoes with charred soles to mend."
"Of course, the shoes do not burn to ashes. If they did, then the wretched habit might be ended, for people would plainly see for themselves that their shoes get burned when put on the stove or radiator. The soles, in the heat, just crisp, something like a piece of bacon, and when worn they crumble away. So I get a lot of shoes to mend."
"Of course, it helps my business some. But I wish people wouldn't do it, because it is wasteful. And waste, you know, is the great American habit that keeps the coat of living high."

Origin of Flavors.
Among the most remarkable glimpses into hidden corners of nature that scientific advance has afforded are the frequent discoveries of micro-organisms in unexpected places, where they produce phenomena heretofore supposed to rise from other causes. For instance, a scientist in Upsala, Sweden, ascertained that in preparations of meat and fish containing, for purpose of preservation, salt to the amount of 15 per cent, micro-organisms grow luxuriantly and he concludes that the flavors and odors that are peculiar to various salt conserves are due to the micro-organisms with which they are crowded.—Exchange.

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"MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN"

Immortal Line Composed by Robert Burns an Indication of Protest Against Worldly Inequality.

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," Robert Burns (1759-1796), the famous Scottish poet, is the author of the line and the name of the poem is "Man Was Made to Mourn; A Dirge." According to Charles Kent, Burns caught the notion of the title from the refrain of an old song on "The Life and Age of Man," named by him in one of his letters to Mrs. Dunlop, a refrain running, "Ah, man was made to mourn." Mr. Kent says that "the wayfarer alluded to in the opening lines was a certain James Andrew, a miller of Mauchline, immediately before their chance meeting the poet, in answer to the appeal of a half-distracted mother, had set forth, in the deepening twilight, along the banks of the river, in search of a lassie named Kate Kemp, who, as well as a cow which had been in her charge, had disappeared. As farmer and miller continued their quest together in the gloaming, the former, turning suddenly taciturn, composed the verses." J. G. Lockhart, in his "Life of Burns," remarks: "The indignation with which Burns through life contemplated the inequality of human condition, and particularly (and who shall say with absolute justice) the contrast between his own felt intellectual strength and his worldly circumstances, were never more bitterly nor more loftily expressed than in some of these stanzas: "See, yonder, poor, o'er-labored wight, etc."

GOT SECRET OF "JOSS-STICK"

Two Adventurers Said to Have Discovered Carefully Guarded Method of its Manufacture.

There is a huge consumption of so-called "joss-sticks" in all countries where Buddhist worship is celebrated. These ceremonial candles, whose use corresponds very nearly to that of the wax candles used in the ceremonies of the Catholic church, are lighted on similar occasions, ceremonies of festivity, or mourning, prayer or thanksgiving to divinities, etc. Joss-sticks are at once candles and incense, since, like the latter, they burn without apparent flame.
The preparation of joss-sticks is shrouded in some mystery, and the process is still practically unknown, those who carry it on being chosen from a special class and kept in rigorous seclusion. Decker and Hurrier, during a sojourn in Indo-China and China, succeeded, however, in discovering the essential points of manufacture.
A squared strip of bamboo of varying length and thickness, according to the size of the joss-stick that is to be made, is skillfully rolled on an inclined surface, in a mixture of odoriferous powders agitated by resin, made viscous by slight elevation of temperature. One of the ends is left as it is, to serve as a handle. In some cases the bamboo is replaced with a flexible rod which enables the joss-stick to be rolled in spiral form.

Wall-Paper Collecting.

The hobby of collecting wall paper had a distinguished pioneer in Sir Walter Scott, who in one of his letters narrates his delight in a gift which came to him when he was adorning Abbotsford. He was in a quandary as to an appropriate wall-decoration for his "with-drawing room," which, with the library, was to be the most distinguished chamber in the mansion. Tapestry ran to too great a price, and as for ordinary designed wall-papers, they were lacking in distinction. But a friend who had sojourned for long in the East, and had brought home a collection of oriental objects, found among them a number of rolls of gilt Chinese paper, adorned with dragons and other reptiles of the imagination. He offered the rolls to Sir Walter, who saw in the design the very thing that suited. The paper stands today almost as fresh as when it was put up in the "Wizard's" baronial hall.

"Once Won't Hurt You."

All the troubles of the world-be-dice aren't due to lack of will power. A woman, playwright says friends are responsible for inducing one to die

regard the doctor's orders, however friendly their motives may be.

"I'm having the hardest time," she wailed, according to the New York Sun, "keeping to my diet. Well-meaning friends invite me to lunch and to dinner and then are offended if I don't sample everything on the menu. Just once won't hurt you," they argue—or, "well, I've planned this dinner for you and you've got to eat it." The result is you generally always do eat it—with subsequent regrets. The only remedy is to stay home for all meals—and that takes more will power than it does to die."

CALLS FROGS FROM HIDING

Rainstorm Brings Them Out, but Idea That They Fall With It is a Mistaken One.

It has never been known of frogs falling with the rain in a rainstorm. This is an old superstition which probably arose from the fact that frogs were seen moving about in large numbers after a storm. It is possible that a cyclone (that can lift houses and whirl them about like straws) may at some time or other have gathered up a quantity of frogs and landed them somewhere else, not much the worse for wear. On the whole, however, we should say that it is impossible for the sky to rain frogs in spite of the expression "raining cats and dogs," and "raining pitchforks." Frogs are amphibious creatures, spending half their lives in water and half on land, but they have a strong preference for the water, and for moisture generally. When the earth is hot and dry, frogs hide themselves away in cool, moist places, and when, after that, there has been a big enough storm to drive worms and other varieties of insects (frogs' natural food) to the earth's surface, frogs also make their appearance in great quantities, causing people to wonder where they came from.

Rose to the Occasion.

The doctor had left his instructions sufficient to carry on during his absence through the afternoon. All went well till the phone rang and a sweet feminine voice inquired: "Is the doctor in? May I speak to him?" The assistant, per instructions, explained the doctor's absence and inquired if he would be of any use. The lady caller's voice was worried as she went on. "Oh, I am so sorry. I am phoning for Mrs. Blank, and it is very important. Tell the doctor immediately on his return that Mrs. Blank is having a gymkhana coming on, and she wonders if he could do anything for it." The assistant made a hurried note and reassured the caller. "I'll tell the doctor as soon as he returns. And meanwhile tell her to put a mustard poultice on it and renew it every two hours."

Typographical Error Cost Life.

A typographical error once cost a woman her life. Shortly after the invention of printing, a German printer working on an edition of the Bible entrusted to his wife the setting up of the type for a portion of the Book of Genesis. There is a sentence in Genesis, describing Eve's duty to Adam, which runs "He shall be thy Lord." The German word for Lord is "Herr" and that for fool is "Narr." The printer's wife changed the "e" to "a" and, in the crude type of that period the capital "H" looked exactly like an "N." The sentence consequently read "He shall be thy fool."
Many copies of the book got into circulation before the error was discovered. The ecclesiastical authorities were so enraged at what they considered the woman's impiety that they condemned her to the stake.

Lacking in Consideration.

As long as the grass in a Chicago public park is healthy and green the citizens seem to look upon it as some sort of garden and keep off of it, as the sign command them. When it begins to die out, however, their respect for it instantly vanishes.
A man in a hurry started one day to cut across a yellow patch in the upper park, but was stopped by a policeman.
"What difference does it make?" demanded the citizen. "The grass is half dead already."
"Sure," said the indignant officer, "if ye had a sick friend, would ye be walking on his stomach?"—Harper's Magazine.

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