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Brave and Brainy.

"The man I marry must be both brave and brainy."
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"Yes, it was. I upset the boat on purpose."

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children the teething season.

And Not Over Here.

"I think you must be mistaken, sir," the old man chipped in.
"What about?" demanded his neighbor in the crowd.
"Didn't I just hear you remark you were glad the war in Bulgaria was over?"
"Not exactly, I said I was glad it was over in Bulgaria."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Won His Esteem.

Theodore—Dooed pretty girl, Miss Daysey is.
Arthur—Dooed pretty.
Theodore—And she has such a nice way with her, don't you know. So encouraging, don't you know. I told her I was afraid I was going to have brain fever, and she said it was impossible. That encouraged me, don't you know, and I didn't have any fever.—Boston Transcript.

Most Probably an American.

A woman went into a chemist's in London recently and asked for some article which is generally to be procured at a shop of this kind.
The man of mixtures, replying to the woman's inquiries, said: "Madam, I do not possess what you require. I am a chemist pure and simple."
"I don't know anything about your purity; but there's no doubt about your simplicity," replied the disappointed woman as she retired from the counter.

So Nice and Sympathetic.

A gentleman whose one glass eye has served him for years had the misfortune to drop it. It smashed to atoms. This happened when he was far away in the country. He inquired of a friend where was the nearest place for him to go and get refitted.
"Why don't you call upon the girl you were flirting with all last night?" his friend inquired. "She has a first class reputation for making eyes."—Punch.

An Excess of Nerve.

"I like to see a young man energetic and able to push himself," said the old banker sadly. "But when he borrowed the money from me to buy an automobile in which to elope with my daughter it was carrying things a little too far."

Tested.

Cora—Are you sure you will be able to support me, dear?
Merritt—Why, yes. It's cheaper to be married than engaged.—Exchange.

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Appendicitis.—Physicians have all along contended that appendicitis is an inflammation of the appendix—the result of a digestive disturbance or of lowered vitality of the intestinal tract. Careful investigations covering a period of many months have led to the discovery that most of the cases have resulted from the too free use of cold drinks and foods. Hence these articles are tabooed. Cold liquid, as it runs through the intestinal tract, has the effect of sending the blood from the intestines, the result being that the vitality of the tract is greatly lowered. If this practice is continued, the appendix soon becomes inflamed and a case of appendicitis results.

Cure for Headache.—An excellent and never failing cure for nervous headache is the simple act of walking backward. Ten minutes is as long as is usually necessary to promenade. It sometimes, however, requires more than ten minutes to walk at all, if one is very "nervous." But it is not understood that it is necessary to walk a chalkline. Any kind of walking will do, provided it is backward. It is well to get a long, narrow room, where the windows are high, and walk very slowly, placing first the ball of the foot on the floor, and then the heel. Besides curing the headache, this exercise promotes a graceful carriage.

The Cause of Appendicitis.—"An interesting study of the relative frequency of foreign bodies in the vermiform appendix is presented by Dr. John F. Mitchell, in the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin for January, February and March, 1899. Of 1,400 cases of appendicitis collected from various sources during the last ten years, he found only 7 per cent. of true foreign bodies; while in 700 of these cases, in which a definite statement was made as to the nature of the foreign body, there were 45 per cent. of fecal concretions. In 250 cases of appendicitis in the Johns Hopkins hospital, in the past ten years, there was only one foreign body—a segment of tapeworm. Osler, in ten years' experience in Montreal, found foreign bodies only twice; in one instance five apple pips, and in another eight snipe shot. The most common foreign bodies have been gallstones, round worms, spicules of bone, bristles and pins." If plenty of water is imbibed daily, and the bowels move regularly and freely daily, there is not much danger of appendicitis.—Green's Fruit Grower.

Amusing Sick Children.

Those who have had the care of a sick child through long, weary weeks of a slow recovery will understand why most mothers are glad of suggestions which may help to pass the hours pleasantly and profitably, and yet not tax the little invalid beyond his strength.

In many of the current magazines are well-printed reproductions of works of art. These may be utilized by an older child in making pretty ornaments for the walls of the nursery. A long strip of heavy paper with all sorts and kinds of animals is not only interesting, but instructive; or a yard of cats or dogs alone will make a surprising display. A margin around each picture adds much to the effectiveness. Cartridge-paper may be bought by the yard, and is especially pretty in red or green to use for a background.

Whatever is given a child for amusement should require as little mental strain as possible, and the materials should be of light weight. If the child becomes tired of one occupation, try something different, and under no condition let him realize that you are trying to amuse him for the purpose of keeping him quiet; for if he finds out that the joy is not yours as well as his, much of his pleasure will be lost.—Woman's Home Companion.

Ready Permission to Ask.

"Might I ask you who owns this automobile?" said an extremely pompous citizen to a man who stood leaning against a big touring car which was drawn up alongside the pavement.
"Certainly, sir."
"Who is it, sir?"
"Blest if I know."—Automobile Magazine.

Keep Ahead.

"In doing your work," said the Inquisitive Chap, "I suppose you always try to keep ahead of the show you represent?"
"Yes," replied the Advance Man, absent-mindedly, "about two weeks' salary ahead."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

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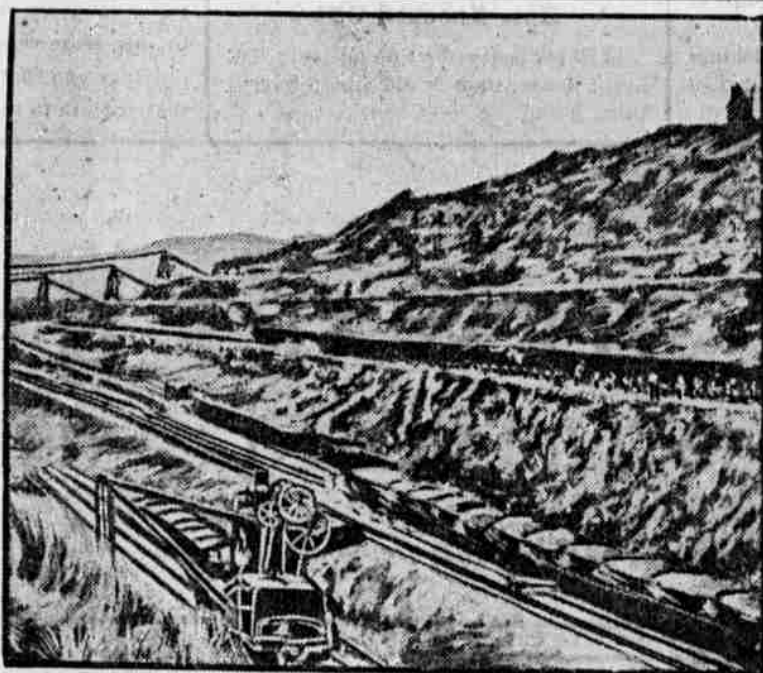
DITCH WHICH CAUSED A NEW REPUBLIC'S CREATION.

Extravagance in the History of the Panama Canal, on Which a Vast Sum Has Been Squandered—Subject of Great Scandal—Curious Features.

Events in the Isthmus of Panama, and the somewhat delicate position assumed by our government, direct attention anew to the extraordinary engineering work in which fortunes and reputations have been sunk; where extravagance and waste have prevailed, and which now assumes a new phase of international interest by becoming a bone of contention between republics. The Panama canal has been a subject of scandal for years. So far as all practical purposes are concerned, this ditch and a strip of land on either side constitute the Isthmus of Panama, though in a wider sense the term, Isthmus, embraces the whole neck of land connecting the continents of North and South America. As generally understood, however, the fifty-four miles of territory along the proposed ship canal, between the cities of Colon, or Aspinwall, as it is sometimes called, on the Caribbean sea, and Panama, on the Pacific ocean, are all there is to the Isthmus. The common impression, the one prevailing among those who have not studied the topography of the country, is that comparatively flat land lies between these two points. This is erroneous, for between the two cities is a range of mountains, a continuation of the Andes. This is the great natural difficulty in the way of the canal, and a second one, scarcely less vexing, are the floods on the Chagres river. Were it not for these obstacles the vessels of the nations would for years have been

every confidence in De Lesseps and his contractors, and the latter enriching themselves at the expense of that trust. When at last there came, in 1892, the revelation of what had been done, the world was amazed. Over \$200,000,000 had been sunk in the project, but only a small part had been actually expended in the work. Most of it had been spent in France, to influence public opinion. Charles De Lesseps, Ferdinand's son, was held to be chiefly responsible, but the elder man himself was convicted of fraudulent maneuvers and sent to prison for five years. He died within a year of his conviction—in 1896. The hands of the De Lesseps were not the only unclean ones. Statesmen were tainted; contractors were fraudulently enriched, and even common laborers had their share of the money wrongfully obtained. Never before in all history was there such a gigantic swindle so palpably carried out.

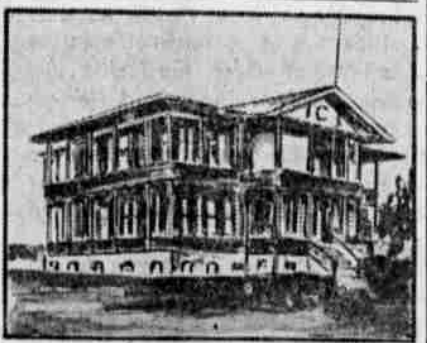
Meanwhile visitors to the Isthmus saw a distressing sight. The work had been abandoned. From the railroad crossing the Isthmus the traveler looked down and saw, in the ditch, the rotting frames of dredges half buried in mud. He could see thousands upon thousands of dollars' worth going to decay. For miles the piles of rusting and abandoned rails stared him in the face. There was machinery covered with dirt and overgrown with weeds. Every now and then he passed a house fast going to decay, which was intended for a station on the canal. His attention would be directed by some native or by a well-informed fellow traveler to the house built for De Lesseps, looking no more pretentious than many a cheap city dwelling or country house in our country, but which represented an outlay of nearly \$100,000. A wood-eating worm had got into this, as it did into the stations, and probably little is now left of the buildings. If he kept his ears



VIEW OF THE PANAMA CANAL, IN THE CULEBRA CUT.

passing from the Atlantic to the Pacific and back again.

A Long-standing Proposition.
Proposals to pierce the Isthmus of Panama are almost as old as its discovery. Cortez had a route surveyed and from the days of the explorer down to our time the idea has been kept alive. The discovery of gold in California caused a new demand for a great waterway, but it resulted only in the building of a railroad. The successful accomplishment of the Suez canal construction in 1868 called attention anew to the American project, and, finally, in 1879, Count Ferdinand de Lesseps made an appeal to the several nations to send delegates to a congress to meet in Paris, to decide upon the



THE DE LESSEPS HOUSE.

route and plan for an interoceanic canal. Nearly all the nations of the world were represented, and the decision of the congress was that such a canal as was projected could be built by way of Limon bay to Panama. The preference for this route over that at Nicaragua lay in the fact that ships could be towed through in ten or twelve hours, while at Nicaragua forty-five hours would be required. Fewer locks would be necessary, and the proximity of the railroad made the delivery of laborers, machinery, tools, supplies, etc., an easy matter. The United States objected to the building of the canal except by an independent company, and accordingly the Universal Inter-oceanic Canal Company undertook the enterprise, and de Lesseps was empowered to proceed.

From the seeds sown in that convention, what a harvest of corruption was there! For fifteen years the work proceeded, the stockholders having ev-

open the traveler heard other strange stories of recklessness, such, for instance, as that of a locomotive and tender toppling into a ditch and being left there because the contractor hadn't the energy and common sense to pull it out.

Features of the Work.

With the death of De Lesseps and the collapse of his company the canal project dragged more slowly than ever until the United States took it up. The question of a canal through Nicaragua, instead of across the Panama Isthmus, was for some time discussed, but the preference was finally given to the old route. The treaty with Colombia, however, by which this country was to pay \$10,000,000 for the necessary concession, was defeated this summer in the Colombian Senate. The present attempt on the part of the State of Panama to secede from Colombia is the outcome of this action. President Roosevelt's desire to follow the Panama route rather than that through Nicaragua is due to the fact that it will cost several millions of dollars less to buy and complete the Panama route and that the annual cost of maintenance will be \$100,000 less.

There are many curious features in connection with the canal. At Panama, where the range of the tide is eighteen feet, a tide-lock is required, and the channel has to be dug far out from the shore to enable vessels to pass from the ocean into the canal at low-tide. On the Caribbean side, at Colon, to reach the proper depth of water dredging will be continued into the sea to a point forty-six miles from this port. On the Atlantic side the canal has a higher elevation than on the Pacific, where it runs near the base of the towering mountain, Piecho, which looms up in back of the city of Panama to a height of 7,200 feet. The greatest constructive obstacle in the shape of excavation is the Culebra, or summit, cut, which for a distance of half a mile has an average cutting of 330 feet. The depth of the canal is about twenty-eight feet.

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