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Origin of "News."

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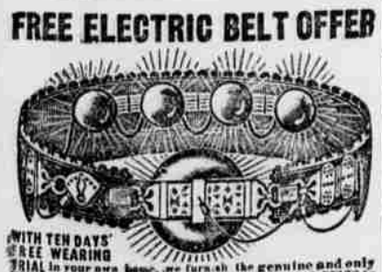

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An Abbreviation Explained.

The origin of the symbol "cwt." for hundredweight is as follows: C is the initial letter of the Latin word "centum," meaning a hundred, and wt are the first and last letters of the word "weight," and are used as a contraction for it.

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Hirsute Calculation.

Little Wynnie (just returned from Sunday school)—Is it true that even the hairs of our heads are numbered?

Mr. Frontseat—The Bible says so, my child.

Little Wynnie (after a pause)—It won't be very hard to keep track of yours, will it, papa?—Judge.

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Mr. Gumpps—That boy will never be good for anything until he marries.

Mrs. Gumpps—I suppose not.

Mr. Gumpps—No; he's got to get over the habit of hanging around the house.—New York Weekly.

Success in Sight.

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Pleasant Cure.

"What can I do for my little boy," asked mamma, "so that he won't want to eat between meals?"

"Have ve meals ficker togevver," replied the young hopeful.—Tit-Bits.

Discouraging Prospect.

The boy was greatly troubled.

"Is it true, father," he asked, "that they have whipping posts in some states?"

His father assured him that it was.

"And they whip grown people?" asked the boy.

"When they deserve it," said the father.

"Well," asserted the boy, with conviction, "I don't see what's the use of growing up."—Booklyn Eagle.

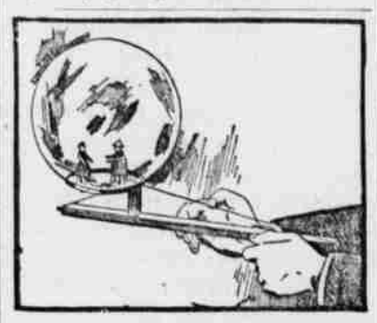
Home Magic

Here is a beautiful and simple experiment. Take an ordinary square wooden ruler and cut off a piece about 30 inches in length.

Next take a thin piece of wire, which must be somewhat longer than the longer portion of the ruler, and twist each of its two ends into a little ring. After this is done nail the rings to the two ends of the larger portion of the ruler and then place the smaller portion under the wire in the same position that a string of a violin is placed on a bridge.

Now, if you strike the wire it will give forth a sound, and this sound will change according to the pressure of your finger.

Next cut, out of cork, a few little figures. They must resemble dancers, and you can make them more picturesque by giving them a coat of oil



DANCERS IN A SOAP BUBBLE.

paint. Moreover, under each there must be three supports, which are to be stuck into the cork, and can be made out of little bits of wire. These miniature dancers are to be placed on a tin floor (the top or bottom of any common tin box will suffice for this purpose), the edge of which is to be nailed to the upright portion of the ruler in the manner shown in the accompanying picture.

The dancers are now to be dipped in soap and water and the tin floor is to be moistened with the same fluid. Immediately afterward the figures should be placed in position on the floor and a large soap bubble should then be blown over them, and in such a manner that it will rest on the floor.

As a result we have as beautiful a ballroom as one could wish to see. Moreover, we can have music and dancing, for if we strike the wire the vibrations will act on the tin floor of the ballroom and the tiny figures will begin to dance enthusiastically and will continue to dance as long as we furnish them with music.

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A Picturesque Method of Locomotion in Southwestern France.

In southwestern France there is a department known as Landes, bordering on the Bay of Biscay, which is among the most desolate and unproductive regions in Europe. It has an area of nearly 4,000 square miles and a population exceeding 300,000. While the eastern portion of this department is fertile enough to permit of successful agriculture, the western portion consists only of desolate tracts of sand banks, marshes and swamps, covered with heath and dwarf shrubs. The inhabitants live in scattered villages of miserable huts and subsist by fishing and

WALKING ON STILTS.

hunting and the raising of swine and sheep. The latter are of a wretched breed, thus partaking of the nature of their country.

The chief peculiarity of the inhabitants is that they walk on stilts, the use of the latter greatly aiding locomotion on the arid lands and salt marshy plains. Illustrative of this method of locomotion we print a picture from the Illustrated London News showing the peasants on the way to market. The inhabitants are chiefly of the Gascon race, and while rude and naturally poor they are good-natured and hospitable.

A Sorrowing Kansas Widow.

In her "card of thanks" a Miami County widow, after thanking everybody else, concluded: "I also thank the band for its consoling music and Mrs. Avering, the milliner, who furnished me such becoming mourning. My dear husband's farm is for sale as soon as proper legal steps can be taken, and will be sold at a bargain. Oh, death, thou art terrible."

Mile a Minute in a Balloon.

Sixty miles in sixty minutes was the record made by Mr. Spencer, the aeronaut, in a balloon with which he ascended at Morley, Yorkshire, and came to earth near Thirsk.

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"No, sah!" responded the colored mail carrier.

"No letters addressed 'General?'"

"One, sah."

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"Ah doan think so, sah."

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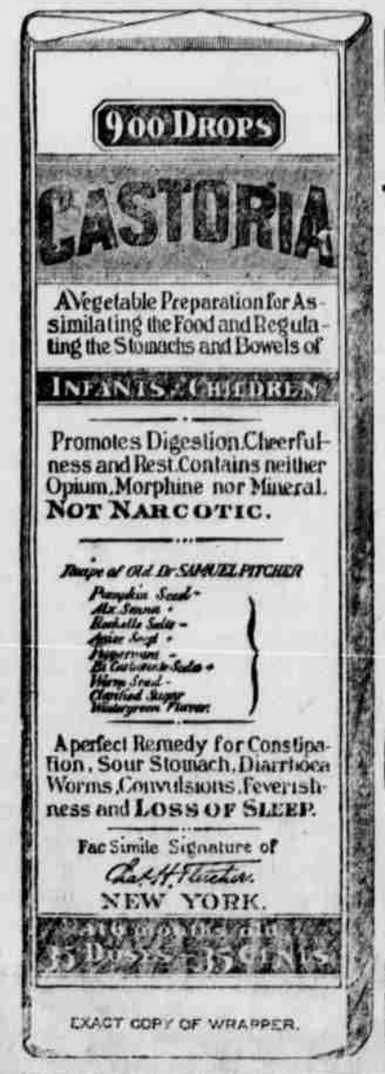

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